



THE NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

September 10, at 9:00 AM



Making the Love of God Obvious!

Our Commitment

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.



An Invitation

As faith awakens in you and you seek to deepen your discipleship of Jesus Christ, we invite you to become a member of National United Methodist Church. Indicate your interest in membership on the attendance registry today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY

10 to 10:50AM

Children's Sunday School Classes:

Little Wonders (PreK-K) Room 206
Joyful Spirits (1st, 2nd & 3rd grades) Room 203
Jesus Followers (4th & 5th grades) Room 204

Adult's Sunday School Classes:

Faith After Doubt, Library.
Discussing "*Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*" by Marcus J. Borg

In the Biblical Sense, Room 106 and on Zoom
Bible study, currently focusing on what the Bible says about forgiveness and restoration

Questions of Faith, Conference Room in Office Wing.
Discussing the video series, *The History and Archeology of the Bible*

PRELUDE and PRAISE

All Who Love and Serve Your City

UMH 433
Dayspring Choir

Children may participate in the Entrance by receiving a bell in the lobby during the prelude and then ringing them together, marching from the rear to the front

ENTRANCE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

SONG of PRAISE

If You Search With All Your Heart

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Please register your attendance and write prayer requests at this time. Ushers will receive these with the morning offering during the following song. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code. If you would like to join a "Saving Grace" 6-week study on personal finance, contact communications@NationalChurch.org for more information.



SHARING OUR GIFTS

If You Search with All Your Heart
Craig Courtney

DaySpring Choir
Todd Beckham, piano

When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.
When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.

When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.
When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you: Plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: Plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage To the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

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I will bring you out of bondage. I will bring you home to Me. I will bring you home to Me!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

Congregational response to church school teachers:

**We thank you for answering the call to teach and lead classes.
We will pray for you and for the educational ministry of this congregation.**

We promise to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry.

**We pledge to be learners with you, studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of the faith,
so that we may all grow to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY

Give Thanks

The Congregation, Singing

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks, to the Holy One, give thanks, for God has given
Jesus Christ in Love. And now, let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us! Give thanks! Give thanks!**

BIBLE LESSON

JEREMIAH 29:1-14

Page 87 in Pew Bible

MESSAGE for TODAY

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

- *Left Chapel*—Remembering 9/11 Victims, praying for tolerance and peace.
- *Right Hallway*—Receiving instructions for local Community Service this week.
- *Front Altar Kneeler and Pew near cross path*—Receiving individual prayer from pastors.
- *Seated and Online*---Researching and reflecting on the needs of our nation and community.

LORD'S PRAYER

Faith with Sing Back Cover

All participants are invited to gather back together, singing the prayer Jesus taught us.

CLOSING SONG

As The Deer

Faith We Sing 2025

BLESSING

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Janet Craswell, Minister of Discipleship
Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, Pastor of Congregational Care
Angela Pupino, Student Ministries Coordinator

Rev. Grayland Snead, Director of Music
Todd Beckham, Guest Accompanist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School for All Ages Starts Today! 10 am - 10:55 am Sunday School for all ages

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Fall Community Fest, Sunday, September 17th, Noon to 1

Come join us for our Fall Community Fest! We'll have games, food, music, and more.

Whether you're looking for a way to connect with your neighbors or just want to have fun with your friends, this is a great event for the whole family and it's free!

Come Make Music with the NUMC Handbell Choir

Have you studied piano or another instrument? Would you be available to practice Sunday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm? Come join a multi-generational group of joyful ringers.

Please contact Susan Staines at HandbellsatNUMC@gmail.com for more information.

Rehearsals beginning soon!

Sunday School Registration is open now! Please register your children and youth for the 2023-24

Sunday school year. Registration allows us to give our young people a safe and welcoming experience.

Use this QR or go to www.nationalchurch.org/children to register. Sunday school for children and youth will begin September 10 at 10 am at the Metropolitan Memorial Campus.

