

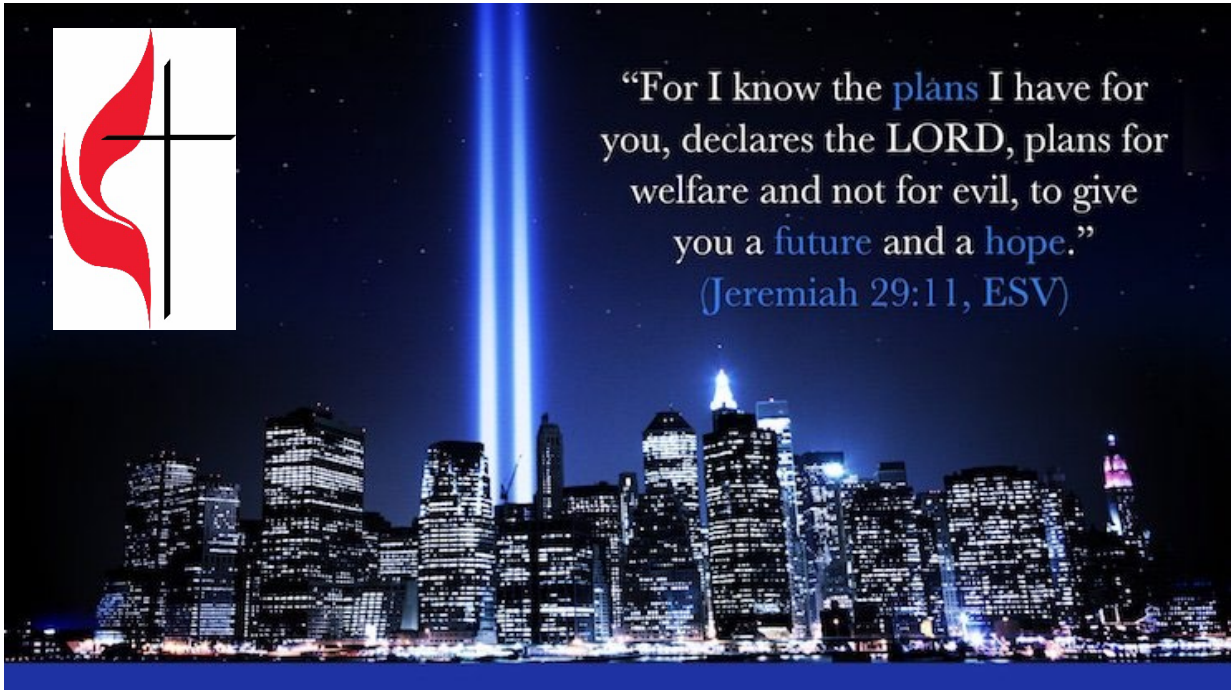
# THE NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

September 10, at 11:00 AM

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Kingdomtide



## Making the Love of God Obvious!

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### 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.*

[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org) | (202) 363-4900

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM**

✠ Standing as you are able | UMH: United Methodist Hymnal | FWS: Faith We Sing

**Prelude**

*Allegretto - Charles Villiers Stanford, Op. 101*

## **GATHERING IN GRATITUDE**

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**WORDS of WELCOME**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**UMH 577**

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION**

ONE: Our God is merciful and compassionate, patient, with unfailing love. God is close to all who draw near, humbly. listening to their cries for help, and offering a future with hope. So then let us confess our common Sin.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light and failed to share the love of Christ.**

**We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve, from the cities and towns where he carried out his ministry.**

**We have chosen instead to make our home in the isolated places where Jesus retreated for prayer.**

**And even there, our prayers have been mostly for ourselves. We have deemed our church an escape from Washington DC and our local cities rather than a sanctuary for them. We have deemed ourselves your chosen people but forsaken the ministry of reconciliation.**

**In your infinite mercy, forgive us our Sin and set us on the path of true righteousness, that we may find the joy of our salvation as we seek the welfare of the world around us, especially my home city of [share the name of your city or village now]. Amen.**

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**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

*All are invited to offer simple gestures of peace and reconciliation, reserving more complete hospitality for the reception following worship.*

**Choral Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

## INVITATION to OFFERING

Rev. Janet Craswell



Please register your attendance and write prayer requests at this time. Ushers will receive these with the morning offering during the Offertory. The QR code may be used for online sharing. If you would like to join a “Saving Grace” 6-week study on personal finance, contact [communications@NationalChurch.org](mailto:communications@NationalChurch.org) for more information.

## OFFERTORY

*We Praise Thee, O God*

Healey Willan

*...we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee. The hoiy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee: the Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy name ever, world without end.*

The Chancel Choir

## † DEDICATION

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

## GROWING IN FAITH

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## MESSAGE for YOUNG PEOPLE

Rev. Janet Craswell

*Children may gather with the leader on the chancel steps for an age-appropriate Bible lesson.*

## HYMN of HOPE

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

UMH 433

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

JEREMIAH 29:1-14

*Choral Response: Beautiful words, wonderful words! Wonderful words of life! UMH 600*

## SERMON

*Seeking the Welfare of the City*  
Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

## RESPONDING IN LOVE

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## † PRAYER of COMMITMENT

## † CLOSING HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

## † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Théodore Dubois

## **WORSHIP STAFF**

**Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson**, *Senior Pastor*

**Rev. Janet Craswell**, *Minister of Discipleship*

**Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston**, *Pastor of Congregational Care*

**Bruce Caviness**, *Organist-Choirmaster*

**Angela Pupino**, *Student Ministries Coordinator*

**Angel Nunez**, *Media Technician*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **12PM TODAY: Reception in the Great Hall**

Mac-n-Cheese, applesauce, and other healthy snacks will be served at noon in the Great Hall. Tours of the fun Godly Play classrooms will be offered to families. A historical/theological tour of the sanctuary will also begin in the Great Hall. Both tours last 30 minutes leaving plenty of time to meet new friends and share summer stories.

### **TONIGHT: Youth Group**

Sixth through 12-graders are gathering on 9/10, 9/24, and 10/15 from 5-7 pm in the Metropolitan Memorial Campus youth rooms, 200 and 201, for Dungeons and Dragons. Whether you know and love the role play game or not, everyone will have a great time and enjoy meeting new people.

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Nursery School Teachers Commissioned**

At 11AM we commission Metropolitan Nursery School Teachers and recognize all teachers in our community. All Third-Graders receive Bibles. Please invite friends whom you know would appreciate these opportunities.

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Community Festival in the NUMC Parking Lot**

Starting at 11am to 1pm food will be served under the big tent in the Metropolitan Memorial upper parking lot. Parking will be limited that day, so please consider parking on the streets to allow elders and guests to access the building more easily.