February 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Bold Print - Congregational Response | 🕆 - Please stand as you are able **UMH**: United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS**: Faith We Sing

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

American Spiritual arranged by Charles Callahan

Down to the River to Pray Women's Retreat Choir

arr. Audrey Snyder

Extending Christ's Radical Hospitality

Words of Welcome and Centering Silence

廿 Call to Worship

This we have come to know, this is what we have heard: the Eternal is an everlasting God, creator of heaven and earth,

who does not grow weary or faint; whose wisdom is unsearchable, giving energy to the meek and strength to those who have none.

Even youths shall faint and grow weary, young athletes shall fall exhausted; but those who love the Lord Jesus and patiently put their trust in God, shall renew their strength;

they shall soar with wings like eagles, they shall run and not weary, they shall walk and not faint.

廿 Opening Hymn

Maker, in Whom We Live

UMH 88

Transformed by Faith

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Prayers of the People

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

Please register your attendance and pass the black book to the side aisle.

Offertory

O God, Thou Faithful God

J.S. Bach

from Cantata No. 24

...thou fountain ever flowing; without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing; a pure and healthy frame, O give me, and within, a conscience free from blame, a soul unhurt by sin. If dangers gather round, still keep me calm and fearless; help me to bear the cross when life is dark and cheerless; to overcome my foe with words and actions kind; when counsel I would know, good counsel let me find.

† Dedication of Gifts:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† Prayer of Dedication

God of grace,

it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have are yours alone.
Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

MARK 7:1-7

Page 42, New Testament

Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

American Spiritual arr. Charles Lloyd, Jr.

I'm alone, so unbearably alone. So all alone, and far away from home. I can't keep from cryin'. I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want my Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When my heart is almost breakin', Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble.... When my head is bowed in sorrow....

Nicholas Carratura, tenor

Sermon

"Wide Open Witness" Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

 Hymn:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name verses 1, 4, 5, and 6

UMH 154

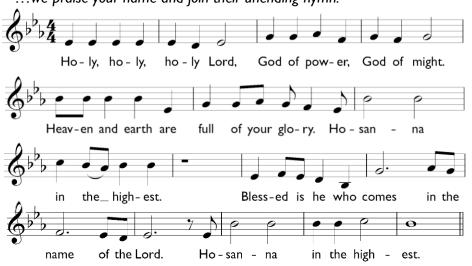
Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever:



The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

After prayers of thanksgiving and consecration, all will be invited to receive bread which is dipped into the cup of juice and eaten. Gluten free elements are available. After partaking of these gifts, participants are encouraged to visit the altar rail for a time of personal prayer.

Hymns During Communion

My Tribute UMH 99
Lord, Speak to Me UMH 463

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pursuing Justice

⊕ Closing Hymn
 To God Be the Glory
 UMH 98

♦ Sending Forth

Postlude in D Healey Willan

Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, clergy leadership;
Douglas Bell, liturgist;
Chancel Choir

Bruce Caviness, organist and choir director

The communion responses are written by Benjamin D'Angelo

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Hamilton Cranick by his parents, Don and Grace Cranick

Book Drive

Saturday, February 22, 9 am - 2 pm and Sunday, February 23, noon - 4 pm

Plan now to declutter and downsize your book, DVD, CD, and vinyl record collections by donating to the Book Drive.

It's a simple process:

- Load your car with your donation. (Please no encyclopedias, old travel guides or self help books, VHS tapes, cassettes, anything moldy, musty, dirty, or torn).
 - 2. Pull into the parking lot.
 - 3. Wait while volunteers unload your car and hand you a receipt.
 - 4. You drive away!

Sing Out for Shelter

Saturday, February 22 at 8:00 pm

National UMC will once again host the "Sing Out for Shelter" concert. This year's event features performances by several award-winning a cappella groups including The Augmented 8, the Katzenjammers from Princeton University, Venus d Minor, and The Grace Notes, an all-female group from Maret School.

Proceeds benefit three local homeless service providers, including our own transitional housing programs, Metropolitan House and St. Luke's House.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

Who Are We as United Methodists?

Study series meets at 12:30 pm in the Library (outside the Sanctuary through the doors on the right side)

This week: Our Unfinished Business-What Really Happened in 1968



A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

February 16, 2020, at 11:00 AM Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Our Vision: Extending radical hospitality, transforming lives, and pursuing justice.

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Reconciling Statement

National United Methodist Church affirms that all individuals are of sacred worth without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, education, marital circumstances, economic status, physical and mental condition, or criminal history. We declare ourselves in support of the reconciling movement and welcome the full participation in the church of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered persons and their families, as a reflection of God's unconditional love.

At the same time, we recognize differences of opinion on issues of sexuality and seek to journey together in faith toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

ALL are welcome here. All means ALL.