February 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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

Prelude Steal Away American Spiritual arranged by Joe Utterback

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome and Centering Silence

† Call to Worship

It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

We are not sure we are ready for that.

Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us. AMEN.

廿 Opening Hymn

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

UMH 258

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

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 Invocation Michael W. Joy

Metropolitan Ringers; Brian Seemann, director

♣ 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 Reading

MARK 8:27-9:12

Page 43, New Testament

Sermon

"Packing Up and Heading Out"
Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

We Respond to God's Great Love

→ Hymn: Hear I Am, Lord UMH 593

Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession

UMH 12

...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 for ever:



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.

Music During Communion

Christ, upon the Mountain Peak
Chancel Choir

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

SHILLINGFORD Text by Brian Wren

FWS 2151

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Closing Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

† Sending Forth

Postlude

Fanfare on McKEE
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

setting by Charles Callahan

Even though this hymn tune is an Irish melody, it was adapted by slaves for the spiritual "I Know the Angels Done Changed My Name."



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-7:00 pm Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall



Ash Wednesday Services

This Wednesday, February 26 7:30 am and 7:30 pm Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary 12 noon Wesley Sanctuary



Contemplative Lenten Worship

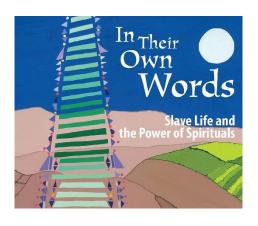
Sundays in March, 7:00 pm Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary March 1: Contemplative Service

March 8: Healing Service

March 15: Contemplative Service

March 22: Celtic Service

March 29: Contemplative Service



"The Power of Spirituals"

Interactive Concert with Musician and Author Eileen Guenther

March 15, 3:00 pm Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, clergy leadership;
Ann Michel, liturgist;
Penny Andrews, Perry Finney Brody, and Christopher Simon, communion servers;
Chancel Choir

Bruce Caviness, organist and choir director

The communion responses are written by Benjamin D'Angelo

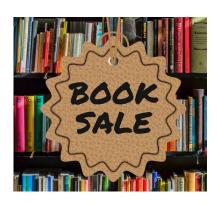
Book Drive

Today from 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!



UMW Book and Bake Sale

Friday February 28: 8 am to 8 pm

Saturday February 29: 8 am to 7 pm

Sunday March 1: 8-11 am

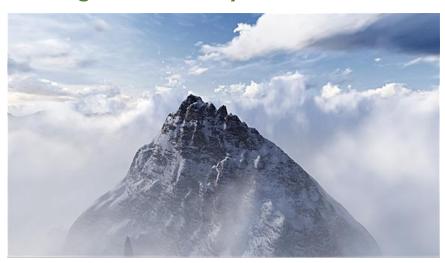
Benefitting Project Transformation DC, a summer reading camp; Educare DC in Ward 7, an early education program; and Capital Partners for Education, a college success program for low-income high school students.



A Reconciling Congregation

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

February 23, 2020, at 11:00 AM Transfiguration Sunday



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

Praising Learning Serving Caring Sharing

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.