

**February 9, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

**Bold Print** - Congregational Response | † - Please stand as you are able

**UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS:** Faith We Sing

**Prelude**

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I See*

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Joe Utterback

## Extending Christ's Radical Hospitality

**Words of Welcome and Centering Silence**

† **Prayer for Scouts**

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.

**We lift to you the ministry of scouting.**

We offer you thanks for camping,  
to teach us that the world is our great home;

*All Scouts:*

For study and work, to build character;  
for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;  
for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

*One:*

Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world,  
that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord,  
increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people.

*All:*

**Amen.**

† **Opening Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**UMH 155**

## Transformed by Faith

**Welcoming Our Minister of Congregational Care**

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**Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

text by Joyce Merman

George N. Allen  
arr. Roy Ringwald

*...bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land.... Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned....*

Kathryn Omune, soprano

† **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

ACTS 9:1-19  
Page 127, New Testament

### Sermon

“Three Steps to Victory”

Rev. Arlester Brown

## † Hymn:

*Victory in Jesus*

**UMH 370**

### Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession

**UMH 12**

### The Great Thanksgiving

**UMH 13**

### 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

*Take My Life, and Let It Be  
Be Thou My Vision*

**UMH 399**

**UMH 451**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Pursuing Justice

### Ritual of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Barbara Green

## † Closing Hymn

*Go Now in Peace*

**UMH 665**

## † Sending Forth

### Postlude

*Allegro maestoso e vivace  
from Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn

**Rev. Arlester Brown**, preacher;  
**Rev. Janet Craswell** and **Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson**, clergy leadership;  
**Richard Tilley**, Scouting Coordinator, liturgist;  
**Matthew Dowd**, Senior Patrol Leader, and  
**Alexander Liesegang**, Patrol Leader, readers;  
**Kelly D'Angelo** and **Beverly Fleming**, communion servers;  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Bruce Caviness**, organist and choir director

## Welcoming Our Minister of Congregational Care

*Leader:*

Dear friends, today we welcome Alison DeLeo, who has been appointed to serve as Minister of Congregational Care at National United Methodist Church and preaching pastor at the Wesley campus. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, LaTrelle Miller Easterling.

*to Rev. DeLeo*

Ali, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service, and discipleship of the people of God.

*Pastor Ali:*

Today I reaffirm this commitment  
in the presence of this congregation.

*to the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church  
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you who celebrate this new  
beginning  
support and uphold Alison in these ministries?

*Congregation:*

**We reaffirm our commitment to support you  
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

*Leader:*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

*Congregation:*

**who announces peace, who brings good news,  
who announces salvation.**

*Leader:*

Let us pray.

*Congregation:*

**Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us  
in our ministries together,  
with Ali as one of our pastors.  
Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom  
so to care for one another and challenge one another  
that together we may follow Jesus Christ,  
living together in love,  
and offering our gifts and talents in your service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Celebrating Scouting at National UMC

Today in our worship we celebrate all those who have taken part in scouting. If you or your child are interested in getting involved in a scout program, we have three groups that meet at National UMC that would love to welcome you:



### Cub Scouts

*First Grade to Fifth Grade*

Contact Richard Tilley

(301) 986-5578 | BSATroop666@gmail.com



### Girl Scouts

Contact Angela Gildner

gscncserviceunit425@gmail.com



### Scouting BSA

*Sixth to Twelfth Grade*

Contact Richard Tilley

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## 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)*

Rev. Janet Craswell leads a discussion based series helping us examine what it means to be United Methodists, both historically and in this time of transition for our denomination.

This week: Our Foundational Doctrine

### Prayer Ministry Team

If you have a prayer request, contact our congregational care team at [caring@nationalchurch.org](mailto:caring@nationalchurch.org). You may also fill out a prayer request card in the pews, or fill out the form at [nationalchurch.org/contact](http://nationalchurch.org/contact).

### Pastoral Emergency Number:

**(202) 510-8555**



# National United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

## Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

February 9, 2020, at 11:00 AM

## Scout Sunday



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**.