

February 9, 2020, 9:00 AM

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

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

Prelude

All My Trials

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Marilyn Ham

Extending Christ's Radical Hospitality

Welcome

Welcoming Our Minister of Congregational Care

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† **Opening Hymn**

We Are Called
verse 1-2

FWS 2172

† **Greeting One Another**

† **Opening Hymn**

We Are Called
verse 3

FWS 2172

Transformed by the Love of God

Time with Young Christians

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Austin Vitaliano, *soloist*

Steal Away to Heaven

arr. Mark Hayes

† **Doxology**

Give Thanks

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***Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.***

***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!***

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Ever living and ever loving God,
We praise you for your loving presence with us.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
take and transform our societies—**

that broken people find healing;
that lonely people find love;
that bitter people find peace;
that fearful people find hope.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
take our world's leaders and governments
and bring renewal—**

that communication can be open;
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate;
that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill your church—**

that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;
that prayers will change our minds
 instead of trying to get you to change yours;
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our lives with your presence—
so that more and more every day,
all that we do and say and hope
will be an act of worship to you
and an expression of love to others,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

ACTS 9:1-19

Page 127, New Testament

Sermon

“The Three Steps to Victory”

Rev. Arlester Brown

Pursuing Justice

Celebration of Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten-free option is available.

The Lord's Prayer

Beth Revell, *prayer leader*

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Communion Music

Be Thou My Vision

Sarah Heisler, *song leader*

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Prayer of Response

Ritual of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Barbara Green

† **Closing Hymn:**

***Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go***

UMH 665

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on HYFRYDOL (Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners)

HYFRYDOL, arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Melissa Chávez, *piano*

Welcoming Our Minister of Congregational Care

Rita Guenther, Lay 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.

Ken Longmyer, SPRC Member:

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.

Rita:

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.

Ken:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

Congregation:

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

Rita:

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.

Rev. Arlester Brown, preacher;

Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, clergy leadership;

Marla Sue Zongker, liturgist;

Nevin Bender, piano;

Dayspring Choir

Melissa Chávez, worship leader

Prayer Ministry Team

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



National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

February 9, 2020, at 9:00 AM

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



**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.

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ALL are welcome here. All means ALL.