



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 14 at 11:00 AM



Making the Love of God Obvious!

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 welcome cards today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.

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WiFi Password: Welcome!

PRELUDE

The ole ship of Zion - Spiritual

Larry G Boggs, Jr.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

ENTRANCE

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Whom Shall I Send?

UMH 582

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Janet Craswell

ONE: We gather to worship God,
Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**ALL: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power,
and live together in love and equality;**

ONE: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

**ALL: We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

✠ **HYMN of WELCOME**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

CALL to CONFESSION

Rev. Janet Craswell

CONFESSION

ONE: God creates people from every race, tribe,
tongue and ethnic community.
God calls us to live in community marked by love, peace,
justice, respect, and mutual support.

**ALL: Yet we draw lines between peoples.
We raise barriers.
We treat one another with prejudice.**

ONE: In every generation, God raises up prophets,
speaking forth God's desire for all people to live together in love.

**ALL: Today we come together to give thanks to God
for Martin Luther King, Jr.
Today we live into the dream
of all people living together in beloved community.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

✠ EXCHANGING SIGNS of RECONCILIATION

As a people, forgiven, loved, and free, please extend signs of this grace to others at this time.

✠ RESPONSE IN SONG

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the rush of angels wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

HYMN of HOPE

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

RESPONSE IN SONG

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!

SERMON

Call: Let Nothing Turn Us Around

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We support the life of this church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Ushers will receive our welcome cards, prayer requests, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



ANTHEM

Love Is The Way - Thomas Goedeke

Chancel Choir

✠ DEDICATION

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✠ PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Rev. Janet Craswell

✠ CLOSING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

✝ AFFIRMATION of FAITH

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.
I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.
I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.
I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.
I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.
This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.
I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

✝ BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE

NETTLETON: Come thou Fount- David Hurd

Todd Beckham, organ



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our sisters who have smoothed the road before us, by the United Methodist Women / United Women in Faith.



VBS Registration is Open!
June 24-28, 2024 | 9 AM to Noon
Metropolitan Memorial Campus

Discover Jesus, "Seekers and Sneakers" is an interactive Vacation Bible School where children use their investigative skills to discover Jesus! Through worship, drama, Bible stories, music, art, science, and games, children are invited to follow the example and teachings of Jesus in every place and every part of life. This is going to be a great adventure!

Use this QR code
to register today



NEW* Wesley Campus Bible Study – *Liberating Faith
January 14 - February 11 | 5 pm Sundays
Community Room, Wesley Campus

This new Bible study class helps us find the liberating message of our scriptures. Each lesson includes a Bible passage, a modern-day case study, and life application. Using materials from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Liberating Faith brings forward the voices of Christians of African descent. For more information, contact Tanner Carlson at tannerc9@gmail.com