

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 14 at 9:00 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 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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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

* Standing as you are able | **UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS:** The Faith We Sing

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.

PRELUDE

Piece Reverie - Louis Vierne

*Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring.
At the sound of the chime, please be seated while the children walk forward.*

WELCOME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***SONG of PRAISE**

Guide My Feet

TFWS 2208

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

CALL 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

Precious Lord - Roland Carter

Colin Lett, baritone
Dayspring Choir

***DEDICATING our GIFTS TO MINISTRY**

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As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8 and James 2:14-26

MESSAGE for TODAY

Debbie Hines

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

- **Left Chapel**—Remembering 14-year-old Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and 11-year-old Cynthia Wesley who lost their lives in the September 15, 1963 bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, the church pictured in the front cover of today's program.
- **Right Hallway**—"Grate Patrol" recruitment by Bill Schofield
- **Front Altar Kneeler and Pew near cross path**—Receiving pastoral prayer.
- **Seated and Online**--- Consider this statement from Martin Luther King Junior's *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." It was directed toward church-going folks like us who seemed unready or unwilling to claim the "sacrificial spirit of the early church." What might you need to sacrifice for the sake of justice?

LORD'S PRAYER

TFWS back cover

*CLOSING SONG

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

BLESSING

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Sonata - Domenico Scarlatti



TODAY, Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday with author Debbie Hines

Former Baltimore prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Maryland, and trial attorney, Debbie Hines is an advocate for racial equity in the criminal justice system. An outspoken critic on criminal justice and race issues, Hines is often called on by media networks for legal commentary on local, national, and international outlets. Hines's opinion pieces appear in *The Washington Post*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *thehill.com*, and *HuffPost*.



Her book *Get Off My Neck: Black Lives, White Justice and a Former Prosecutor's Quest for Reform* (MIT Press) will be released on March 26, 2024, and is available now for pre-order.

She holds a Juris Doctorate from George Washington University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree in US history from the University of Pennsylvania. Debbie resides in Baltimore,

Maryland, her hometown. She is a member of National United Methodist Church and worships at the Wesley campus.



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



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



MICHAEL THOMAS Quintet



DATE: JANUARY 27, 2024

TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM



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