

January 5, 2020, 9:00 AM

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

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

Prelude

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kendrick,  
arr. Mark Hayes

## Extending Christ's Radical Hospitality

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

*We Three Kings*  
verses 1 and 2

**UMH 254**

† Greeting One Another

† Opening Hymn

*We Three Kings*  
verses 3 - 5

**UMH 254**

† Call to Worship

Light! Light, light and more light!  
Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
wise men came from the East, saying:  
“Where is he who is born king of the Jews?”

**For we have seen his star in the East,  
and have come to worship him.”**

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Transformed by the Love of God

Time With Young Christians

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Combined Dayspring and Chancel Choirs  
Ariel Byrd, *violin*  
Britney Hansford, *bass*

*Brightest and Best*

Shawn Kirchner

† Christmas Doxology:

Tune: UMH 219

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

***This, this is Christ the King  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe the Son of Mary.***

## ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**FWS Back Cover**

### Scripture Reading:

MATTHEW 2:1-12

### Sermon

“Risking Ourselves in Faith, Hope, and Love”

# Pursuing Justice

## Music for Meditation

## Covenant Renewal

*Participants are invited to visit the left side chapel for baptismal remembrance, the right side chapel for healing/anointing, the altar for covenant renewal, or all three.*

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.  
In truth, O God, I am Yours.

Make me into what You will.

Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.

Guide me on the easy path for You.  
Guide me on the rocky road for You.

Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You;  
Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You;  
Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing;  
I give all that I have and all that I am for You.

So be it.

And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

## Congregational Song

*Glory Is Here*

**Someday You'll come, darkness will cease  
True light will dawn everyone will then see  
everything new  
We'll finally see You**

**Awaiting that day, searching for more  
While all along You are found with the poor  
Help me to see  
You're all around me**

Chorus

**Our praises arise  
As we come to recognize  
Jesus is near, Glory is here**

**In oceans and hills, and in ancient skies  
Hidden in faces and pain and delight  
Glory is here  
And I get a glimpse of You**

**In silence and prayer  
In bread and wine  
Somehow the common become the divine  
You're making me new  
I'm starting to see You**

Chorus

**Prayer of Response**

✠ **Closing Hymn**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

**FWS 2100**

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Great Day!*

Spiritual  
arr. Marilyn Ham

**Mele T. Aho, Rev. Janet Craswell, Rev. Barbara Green**  
and **Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson**, *clergy leadership*;  
**Christopher Simon**, *liturgist*;  
**Nevin Bender**, *piano*;  
**Combined Dayspring and Chancel Choirs**  
**Melissa Chávez**, *worship leader*

### **Children's Book Drive**

Now through January 15

Help the United Methodist Women collect children's books for the expanded children's section of their annual Book and Bake sale (February 28-March 1). Books may be left at the UMW closet in the hallway off of the Vestry.



# National United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

## Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

January 5, 2020, at 9:00 AM

## Epiphany and Covenant Renewal



**Extending radical hospitality,  
transforming lives, and pursuing justice.**

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*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.**