

# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley Campus

5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

March 24 at 11:00 AM

## PALM SUNDAY



### *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.*



[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org) | (202) 363-4900 | [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

\* Standing as you are able

**\*ENTRANCE**

*"Siyahamba" - TFWS 2235b*

(English)      **We are marching in the light of God.**  
(Zulu)          **Siyahamba, ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'**  
(Spanish)      **Caminandos en la luz de Dios**

*"Walk in the Light"*

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.**

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Janet Craswell

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

ONE: Let all the people say,  
**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

ONE: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,  
**ALL: May we bless one another, and our God, in this time of worship.**

Call to Worship is by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell from [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 11: 1-11

Curtis Pree

**\*SONG of PRAISE**

*He Has Made Me Glad*

TFWS 2270

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Paula Pree

**\*PASSING the PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 14: 17-42

Curtis Pree

**SERMON**

*Stay Awake*

Rev. Janet Craswell

**INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*As We Gather At Your Table*

TFWS 2268

*All are invited to receive the bread and juice of communion.  
Please bring a strip of fabric and lay it on or near the cross after receiving communion.*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MISSION MOMENT and CALL TO OFFERING**

Thomas Laryea

Please help us *Share the Joy of Easter* by making a new commitment or second mile gift toward the vital ministries of National UMC. Ushers will receive our welcome cards, prayer requests, financial gifts, and "Share the Joy" commitment cards at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



**OFFERTORY**

Danielle Belton, Violin

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**\*DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY**

**Work through us and our gifts, Lord, so that what comes to us as seed goes forth as  
flower, and what comes to us as flower, goes forth as fruit.**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*Were You There?*

UMH 288 v. 1-4

**BLESSING**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paula Pree

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE	Metropolitan Memorial 9am and 11am Service	Wesley Campus 11am Service
<b>TODAY</b>	Palms and Children's Choir	9am Breakfast 11am Palms and String Quartet
<b>HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28</b>		<b>Wesley Fellowship Hall 6:30pm – 7:30pm</b> A simple meal followed by table conversations, songs, and community
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29</b>	<b>Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary 7pm – 8pm</b> (live-streamed) A service based on seven stations of the cross	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31</b>	at Metropolitan Memorial 9am and 11am service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Brass</li> <li>• Metropolitan Ringers</li> <li>• Organ and Choir</li> <li>• Community Egg Hunt</li> </ul>	at Wesley Campus 11am service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wesley Choir</li> <li>• Praise Band</li> <li>• Community Egg Hunt</li> </ul>

\*grey box = nothing scheduled



### Last day to order Easter flowers is Monday, March 25

To remember or honor a loved one this Easter, please fill out the form online at [www.nationalchurch.org/Flowers](http://www.nationalchurch.org/Flowers).

The Easter flowers in the church are 100% provided by your contributions. Each flower is available for a donation of \$25. Any donation amount is welcome. All donations will be recognized in our Easter morning bulletin.

You can make your donation online or send cash, or check to:

Pam Murdoch, Finance Coordinator c/o National UMC, Metropolitan Memorial Campus,  
3401 Nebraska Avenue NW,  
Washington, DC 20016



### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31

12:30pm at the Wesley UMC campus,

invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a community Easter Egg hunt. We'll hide eggs and have fun activities for kids of all ages.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

Jesus, the light of the world

VERSE

Joyful, all you nations, rise.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

CHORUS

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world

VERSE

Christ, by highest heaven adored.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Jesus, the light of the world.

CHORUS

VERSE

4 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Jesus, the light of the world.

CHORUS