



**WESLEY CAMPUS**  
5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

**NATIONAL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**MAY 5, 2024**



### **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

**PRELUDE** *Come On In This House* Wesley Choir

**WELCOME** Tanner Carlson

**\*SONG of PRAISE** *Bridge to You* – Mike Wheaton and Brian Price INSERT

**\* PASSING the PEACE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

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



**OFFERTORY** *Rise* – Mike Wheaton and Brian Price

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** Tanner Carlson

**HYMN SING** *Siyabonga Jesu* TFWS 2081  
*Let's Sing Unto the Lord* UMH 149

**BIBLE LESSON** 1 John 15:9-17 Laura Harper-Powell

**SERMON** *What the World Needs Now* Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please respond when prompted by the Communion presiders.*

1 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

2 Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

3 By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.

*All are invited to receive the gluten-free bread and juice of communion.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

## **\*CLOSING SONG**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH 133

## **BLESSING**

Rev. Janet Craswell

# Bridge to You

♩ = 100

Chorus

A D

I'm build - ing a bridge to you so tha - at

D A

ma - ay be - ee, by and by - y

A A E/G# D/A

I can meet you - u half way out and wa - lk

A E A

with you o - ver to your side.

Verse

A A D

My bridge to you it's high and it's strong

D A

I take in the view as I walk a - long

E A

my bridge to you.

Verse

The foundation is on  
concrete and stone  
I know it will carry me  
as I walk over to your home

Verse

Lay the trestle down  
the railing is my guide  
Lord, keep me steady as walk along  
over to your side.



### Farewell for Pastor Doug

As we prepare for Pastor Doug's departure, the SPRC is soliciting contributions from the congregation to purchase a collection of farewell gifts to thank Doug for his hard work and faithful service to NUMC since 2019. In order to contribute, you can send money via venmo (@MeLisa-Creamer, last 4 digits of the phone number are 6963, or scan the QR code below), or checks can be sent to the church (3401 Nebraska Ave NW Washington DC 20016) written to MeLisa Creamer. We ask that all monetary donations be made by noon on May 18th. In addition, cards can be dropped off weekdays at the Metropolitan Campus Church Office. We thank you in advance for helping us honor Pastor Doug.



**venmo**

Gifts made possible by your generous support will be presented to Pastor Doug on his last day of preaching at National, May 19 (details to follow). Please direct any questions or suggestions to MeLisa Creamer, SPRC Chair ([melisa.creamer@gmail.com](mailto:melisa.creamer@gmail.com))



### New Summer Worship Schedule

The 9:00 Metropolitan service and the 11:00 Wesley service will both be [live-streamed](#) for those who worship remotely.

#### May 26 - June 16:

9:00 am Worship at Metropolitan  
10:00 am Sunday School at Metropolitan  
11:00 am Worship at Wesley  
12:15 pm More Than Coffee Hour  
(Community Lunch)

#### June 23 - September 8:

9:00 am Worship and Children's Sunday School at Metropolitan  
10:00 am Intergenerational service, fellowship and community events at Metropolitan  
11:00 am Worship at Wesley  
12:15 pm More Than Coffee Hour  
(Community Lunch)



### General Conference Recap

We are coming to the end of the United Methodist General Conference in Charlotte, NC. Join a discussion of what has happened and what it means for our church going forward.

**May 9:** Pastor Doug and Rev. Erica Robinson-Johnson will report on the changes to our Book of Discipline and Social Principles, and share their insights from being present in Charlotte for the General Conference.

**Thursday evening, May 9, 7-8 PM** on [Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 886 1751 9998 | Passcode:151178



### The Arts Council of The National United Methodist Church Presents

Pigments of the Imagination: Paintings by Maria-Victoria Checa  
Exhibition Opening and Reception

**Sunday, May 19, 2024 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm in the Great Hall**  
Metropolitan Memorial Campus  
3401 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

**Free Admission**

