

**March 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

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

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

**Prelude**

*Air in D Major*

J.S. Bach

## **We Gather to Praise God**

**Words of Welcome and Centering Silence**

† **Call to Worship**

We enter the wilderness of Lent,  
**We rest in the shelter of the Most High;**

We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;  
**We take refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.**

We trust that the angels of God,  
**the words of God,  
the people of God,  
the hands of God,  
Will somehow bear us up.**

And so we come to call on God  
**who has promised to answer.**

† **Opening Hymn**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**UMH 117**

## **We Listen to Hear God's Voice**

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Prayers of the People**

**Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering**

*Please register your attendance and pass the black book to the side aisle.*

**Offertory**

*Lead Me, Lord*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*...lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

Katelyn Neumann, *mezzo-soprano*;  
Kathryn Omune, *soprano*

† **Dedication of Gifts:**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**UMH 95**

† **Prayer of Dedication**

**God of grace,  
it is our delight and our devotion  
to give these gifts to you.  
All we are and all we have  
are yours alone.  
Accept this joyful offering  
as a token of our abiding love:  
use it to bring peace, justice  
and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

PSALM 34

Page 508, Hebrew Scripture

**Anthem**

*City Called Heaven*

American Spiritual  
arr. Hall Johnson

*I am a po' pilgrim of sorrow, I'm tossed in dis wide worl' alone, no hope have I for tomorrow, I've started to make heav'n my home. Sometimes I am tossted an' driven, Lord, sometimes I don' know where to roam. I heard of a city called heaven, I've started to make it my home. My mother has reached that pure glory, my father's still walkin' in sin; my brothers an' sisters won't won me because I am try'n' to get in....*

Kathryn Omune, soprano

**Sermon**

“Deliver Us from Evil”  
Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**We Respond to God's Great Love**

† **Hymn:**

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

**UMH 129**

**Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession**

**UMH 12**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**UMH 23**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH 895**

*After prayers of thanksgiving and consecration, all will be invited to receive bread which is dipped into the cup of juice and eaten. Gluten free elements are available. After partaking of these gifts, participants are encouraged to visit the altar rail for a time of personal prayer.*

**Music During Communion**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
There Is a Balm in Gilead  
Let Us Plead for Faith Alone*

**UMH 381  
UMH 375  
UMH 385**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We Are Scattered to Serve God in the World**

† **Closing Hymn**

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

**UMH 569**

† **Sending Forth**

**Choral Benediction**

*Lead Me, Lord*

**UMH 473**

**Postlude**

*The Dorian Toccata*

J.S. Bach

**Rev. Janet Craswell** and **Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson**, *clergy leadership*;  
**Andrea Levy**, *liturgist*;  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Bruce Caviness**, *organist and choir director*



**Raise the Dough for  
Campus Kitchen!**

**Be part of our mission  
to end hunger in DC!**

If you 'carrot' all about feeding the hungry in our city,  
now is the 'thyme' to give.

Raise the Dough is the largest fundraiser for this vital food  
recovery and meal preparation project that feeds 5,000-  
7,000 people every month.

Giving to Campus Kitchen DC is a piece of cake:

**Visit [NationalChurch.org/GiveCKDC](https://NationalChurch.org/GiveCKDC)**

or

**Text MyGiving CampusKitchen \$[Donation Amount]  
to 73256**

Help us spread the word! Find resources for sharing with your  
friends (and more about CKDC) at

**[nationalchurch.org/RaiseTheDough](https://nationalchurch.org/RaiseTheDough)**  
(or **[nationalchurch.org/rtd](https://nationalchurch.org/rtd)** if you prefer)



## Donate to the ASP Auction!

Help our youth perform life-saving home repairs in Appalachia this summer

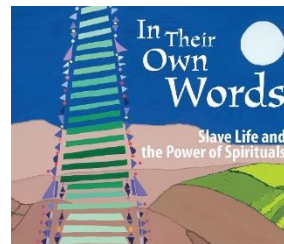
Consider donating an item or service to the ASP (Appalachia Service Project) Auction, which will be held April 5. Past donations include everything from food baskets and babysitting to vacation homes and sports tickets. For more information, contact Helen Simon, [hsimon@nationalchurch.org](mailto:hsimon@nationalchurch.org) (202) 363-4900, x109



## Contemplative Lenten Worship

Sundays in March, 7:00 pm  
Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary  
Tonight: Healing Service

## “The Power of Spirituals” Interactive Concert with Musician and Author Eileen Guenther



March 15, 3:00 pm

Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

Featuring the National UMC Festival Choir  
Nevin Bender and Eileen Guenther, *conductors*

Join us after the concert for the opening of the art show “Rhythmic Expressions” by Susan O’Neill in the Great Hall.

## Conversation with Bishop Easterling on The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation

March 21, 9:30 am to noon

Harmony UMC, 9455 Williamsport Pike, Falling Waters, WV

As United Methodists move toward the 2020 General Conference, we know that many of you have questions and concerns about the future of our denomination and our conference. In particular, there are specific questions about The Protocol, a plan that offers an end to the decades-long struggle concerning human sexuality. In response, Bishop Easterling, who is not only our episcopal leader but also a member of the mediation team that crafted The Protocol, will be holding this Critical Conversation.



## National United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

**Metropolitan Memorial Campus**

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

**March 8, 2020, at 11:00 AM**

**Second Sunday of Lent**



## Psalm 34 Deliver Us From Evil

**Our Vision: 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.*

**ALL are welcome here. All means ALL.**