

November 17, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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

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

Prelude

Amazing Grace

American melody, setting by Jean Langlais

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome

† **Call to Worship**

Together may we find
**a place called home
a place where faith holds us
and grace renews us
where forgiveness longs for us
to be who we are meant to be.**

May we find a home
where we are accepted as we are
where we are taken in
and loved unconditionally
**where we belong
and our souls fit
and our questions are allowed
and our anger is heard
and our needs are recognized
and our pain is held
and our names are known**

and may this
be that place, O God,
this community
this group of travelers and doubters
and companions on the way.

**Loving God
Homecoming God
may we make this a home
for all who seek grace-filled sanctuary
and gracious welcome**

† **Processional Hymn:**

Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 550

Prayers of the People

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Psalter

PSALM 84

UMH 804

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory:

*Forsake the Lord
based on Isaiah 1:1-4*

Benjamin D'Angelo

Hear me, heavens! Listen, all the earth! For the Lord has spoken to me. “I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.” Forsaken the Lord, the holy one. Israel turned away from him.

† **Dedication of Gifts**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

First Reading:

Excerpt from John F. Kennedy’s
1963 commencement address at American University

“So, let us not be blind to our differences—but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children’s future. And we are all mortal.”

Second Reading: LUKE 15:11-32

Sermon

“Our Most Basic Common Link”

† **Hymn:**

You Are Mine

FWS 2218

We Respond to God’s Great Love

Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

Music During Communion

For Everyone Born
Chancel Choir
Softly and Tenderly
Spirit Song

Shirley Erena Murray and Brian Mann

UMH 348
UMH 347

Prayer of Response

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† **Closing Hymn:**

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

FWS 2223

† **Benediction**

Postlude:

Postlude I

Jean Langlais

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson and **Rev. Janet Craswell**,
clergy leadership
Angela Pupino, *liturgist*;
Penny Andrews, Ann Michel, *communion servers*;
Chancel Choir
Bruce Caviness, *organist and choir director*

Commitment Sunday
Next Sunday, November 24

Next Sunday, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday and you will be invited to dedicate your financial commitment for 2020 at the altar during worship. Over the coming week, as we enter the period of thanksgiving, please give careful and prayerful consideration to how

Holiday Harmony:
How to listen and speak for a homecoming with integrity

November 24, 5-7 pm. *Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall*

In these polarized times, it can be tough to talk across political and

The Metro Players present



A group of strangers are stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm - one of whom is a murderer. The suspects include the recently married couple who run the house. Other suspects include a mysterious young woman with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a snowdrift, and a jurist who just makes life miserable for everyone. Into their midst comes a policeman, traveling on skis.

Another superb intrigue from the foremost mystery writer of her time.

November 17

Today at 2:00 PM

November 22

Friday at 8:00 PM

November 23

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Directed by **Bob Benn**

Scenic Design by **Carol Schleicher**

Set Construction by **Richard Schleicher**

Costumes Coordinated by **Beverly Fleming**

featuring

Barbara Green, Francisca Cromwell,

Andy De, Andy Leonard, Ned Leonard,

Phil Potter, Flora Scott, and Christopher Simon

Adults: \$20 | Seniors and Students: \$15

Reserve Tickets online and pay at the Vestry theater door:

www.nationalchurch.org/Mousetrap



National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

November 17, 2019, at 11:00 AM

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Our Vision:

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

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.