

November 17, 2019, 9:00 AM

Bold Print - Congregational Response | † - Please stand as you are able
FWS – Faith We Sing Hymnal | **UMH** – United Methodist Hymnal

Gathering

Prelude

Reverie

Claude Debussy

Welcome

† **Opening Hymn:**

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

† **Greeting**

† **Opening Hymn:**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
verses 1 and 4

UMH 348

† **Call to Worship**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

The Word

Baptism:

Edward Gray Crosland

Son of Erica and Stewart Crosland

Born January 15, 2019

When prompted, you are invited to respond with the following reaffirmation:

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this child
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

When prompted, you are invited to join in singing:

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.**

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace.**

**Yes God will delight when we are creators of justice –
Justice and joy.**

Time With Young Christians

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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† Prayer of Thanksgiving

First Reading: LUKE 15:11-32

Second 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."

Sermon: "Our Most Basic Common Link"

Our Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Dayspring Choir

Reap What You Sow

Pepper Choplin

† **Doxology:** Give Thanks

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks!**

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Going Out Into the World

† **Closing Hymn**

Together We Serve

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† **Benediction**

Postlude

Jigg

Jeremiah Clarke

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the Great Hall
(out the door on your right, turn left, and at the end of the hall)**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson and **Rev. Janet Craswell**,
clergy leadership

Helene Lilly, *liturgist*;
Benjamin D'Angelo, *percussion*;
Paul Krogh, *bass*;
Erika Straus, *guitar*;
Kerm Towler, *flute*;
Nevin Bender, *piano*;
Dayspring Choir
Melissa Chávez, *worship leader*

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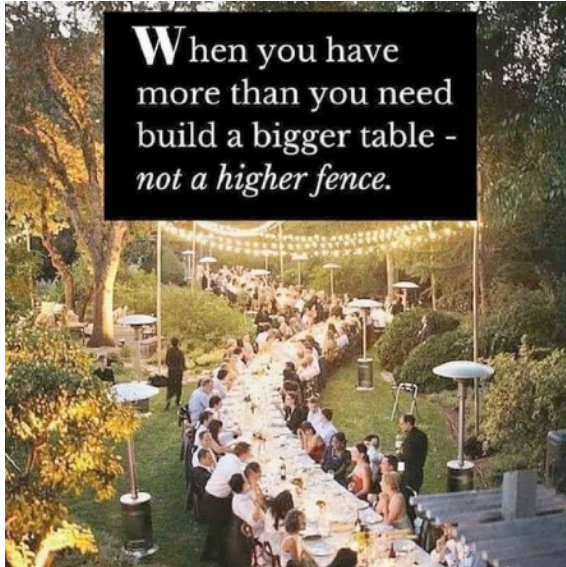
A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

November 17, 2019, at 9:00 AM

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



When you have more than you need build a bigger table - not a higher fence.

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.