

**November 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM**

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

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

**Prelude**

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

setting by Douglas Bell

Douglas Bell, *cello*

## We Gather to Praise God

### Words of Welcome

#### † Call to Worship

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

#### † Processional Hymn:

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**UMH 694**

### Prayers of the People

## We Listen to Hear God's Voice

### Time for the Young and Young at Heart

#### Anthem

*Teach Me to Fly*

Mark Miller

Youth Worship Ensemble and Dayspring Soloists

*Like a bird who has fallen, I rest in your hands, hoping and praying you will understand, and fill in the pieces never fully there, healing my soul, Lord with your love and care. Can you make up the difference, will you teach me to fly? Can you lift me to freedom in the boundless sky? Can I dwell in you safely? Will you fill my heart? Can you ready me for a brand new start? Oh, you can make up the difference, you can teach me to fly, you can raise up my spirit past the reasons why. I can dwell in you safely, you will fill my heart. Lord, please ready me for a brand new start.*

### Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession

**UMH 12**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of 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:



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



## The Lord's Prayer

**UMH 895**

### Music During Communion

*We Gather Together  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Now Thank We All Our God*

**UMH 131  
UMH 92**

### Anthem

arr. Robert Groth

Metropolitan Ringers Quartet

### Second Reading:

2 KINGS 22:1-10, 23:1-3

### Psalter

*O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord*

Michael Hurd

based on Psalm 95:1-7

...let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Amen.

### Sermon

"A Place at the Table"

## We Respond to God's Great Love

### Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

### Hymn of Commitment:

*For Everyone Born*

**Below**

### † Dedication of Gifts:

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**UMH 94**

### † Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

### † Closing Hymn:

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**UMH 102**

### † Sending Forth

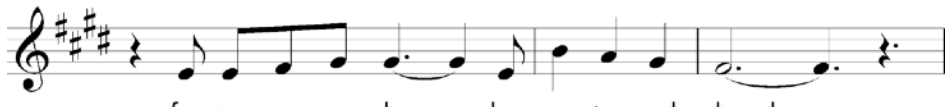
### Postlude:

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J.S. Bach  
setting by Virgil Fox



For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble,  
 For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share;  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child, in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship



for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver head.  
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 for eve - ry - one born, the right to be free.



And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace; yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

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

Today, 5-7 pm.  
 Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall

In these polarized times, it can be tough to talk across political and cultural divides. On the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday, we are hosting a potluck dinner and program for all ages, including students from the American University community. This community event is open to all and will include a discussion of expectations for all parties and ways to bridge differences in ways that are productive and true to your beliefs. The informal time of fellowship, food and conversation will be led by our guest speaker Lara Schwartz, an American University professor in the School of Public Affairs and leader of the campus Civil Discourse Project; along with our own Doug Robinson-Johnson and Janet Craswell. The event is sponsored by the Sharing Pillar Ministry.

No reservations necessary, but please bring a dish to share.



# National United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

## Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

**November 24, 2019, at 11:00 AM**

## Commitment Sunday



**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.*

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