

November 24, 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
Welcome

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Pepper Choplin

† **Opening Hymn**

Gather Us In
verses 1 and 2

FWS 2236

† **Greeting**

† **Opening Hymn**

Gather Us In
verse 4

FWS 2236

† **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.

Anthem

Metropolitan Ringers Quartet

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Robert Groth

Time With Young Christians

Communion

Celebration of Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten-free option is available.

The Lord's Prayer

FWS Back Cover

Communion Music

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
God Is So Good

FWS 2153
FWS 2056

Prayer of Response

The Word

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

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

Sermon

“A Place at the Table”

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.

Our Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

For Everyone Born

Below

† 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!**

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Going Out Into the World

† Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

FWS 2008

† Benediction

Postlude

When We All Get to Heaven
in the style of Scott Joplin

arr. Pepper Choplin

***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

Tony Brown, *liturgist*;
Benjamin D'Angelo, *percussion*;
Christopher Simon, *mandolin*;
Erika Straus, *guitar*;
Nevin Bender, *piano*;
Dayspring Choir
Melissa Chávez, *worship leader*

The call to worship comes from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

Refrain

**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!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,**

Refrain

**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,**

Refrain

**For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,**

Refrain

**For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,**

Refrain

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,**

Refrain

**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 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, along with our own Doug Robinson-Johnson and Janet Craswell. No reservations necessary, but please bring a dish to share.



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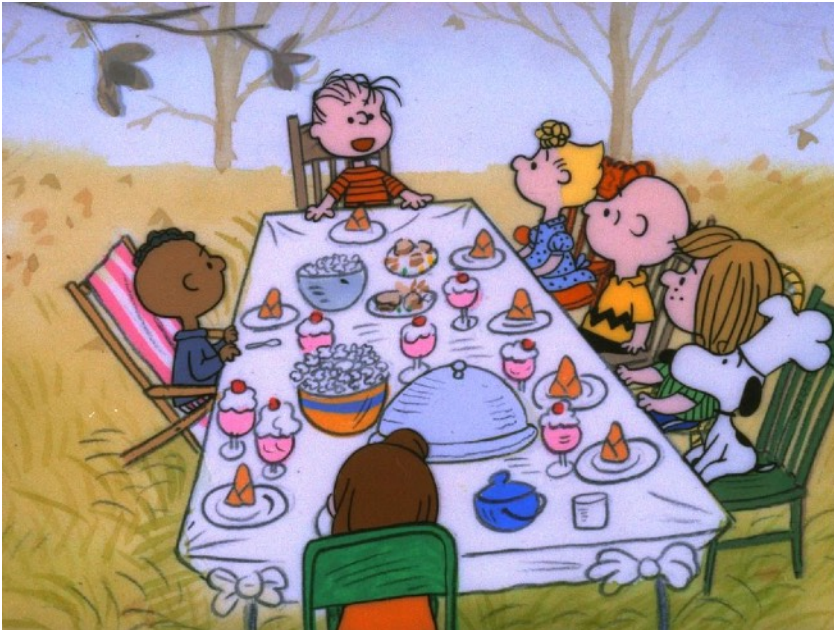
A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

November 24, 2019, at 9:00 AM

Commitment Sunday



**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.