

November 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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

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

Prelude

Élégie

Louis Vierne

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome and Centering Prayer

† **Call to Worship**

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
And let us worship God.

† **Processional Hymn:**

For All the Saints

UMH 711

Prayers of the People

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem

Traditional Melody

Morningstar Choir

Nicholas Carratura, *director*; Katelyn Neumann, *accompanist*

We Listen to Hear God’s Voice

Psalms

PSALM 139:1-12

UMH 854

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory:

Word VI
from *A German Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

Here on earth hath we no continuing place, howbeit, we seek one to come. Lo, I unfold unto you a mystery. We shall not all sleep when He cometh, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. Then what of old was written, the same shall be brought to pass. For death shall be swallowed in victory! Grave, where is thy triumph? Death where is thy sting?

Geoffrey Di Giorgio, *baritone*

† **Dedication of Gifts**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Scripture Reading:

HEBREWS 11:1-16, 12:1-2

Sermon

“Cloud of Witnesses”

Prayer of Remembrance

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our life time:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

Reading of the names of those who have died in the past year.

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.
We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,
and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.
Amen.

Rev. Douglas Robinson-Johnson, Rev. Janet Craswell and Dona Collary, *readers*;
Douglas Bell, *bell ringer*

✠ **Hymn:**

For Everyone Born

New lyrics by
Pyper Imperial Davis

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "In death and in life, a place at the ta - ble, _". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "the spir-it with-in ___ meets the Spi - rit of all, ___". The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the missing parts of the words.

For-ev-er a home___ liv-ing with the Cre - a - tor,___
 In death and in life,___ we fol - low the call. 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.

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

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Rejoice in God's Saints

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

UMH 702

UMH 708

UMH 712

Prayer of Response

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

✠ Closing Hymn:

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

✠ Benediction

Postlude:

Cortège

Louis Vierne

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, *preacher*;

Kerm Towler, *liturgist*;

Chancel Choir

Bruce Caviness, *organist and choir director*

The Call to Worship is written by Beth Merrill Neel

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Chaplain Ronald A. Millian (Col. USAF) on the anniversary of his birthday, October 29.



National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

November 3, 2019, at 11:00 AM

All Saints Sunday



Our Vision:

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

Praising Learning Serving Caring Sharing

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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.

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