

October 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM

✠ Standing as you are able | **UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS:** Faith We Sing

Prelude

Adagio from Organ Symphony I

Charles-Marie Widor

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
For all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
For love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
For God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

✠ Processional Hymn:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Anthem:

I Will Go Where You Will Go

Benjamin D'Angelo

Youth Worship Ensemble and Chancel Choir Soloists

Psalm:

PSALM 139 (selected verses)

RESPONSE



Strong de liv-er-er, strong de liv-er-er, be thou still my strength and



shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

O my Beloved,
You have searched me
and known me.

**You discern my innermost thoughts.
You find me on the journey and
guide my steps;
You know my strengths
and my weaknesses.**

RESPONSE

Even before my words rise up in prayer,
Lo, you have already heard
my prayer.

**You encompass me with love
where'er I go,
and your strength is my shield.
Such understanding is too wonderful
for me; your love is amazing:
boundless gratitude
is my soul's response.**

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory:

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

...are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

† **Dedication of Gifts**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Scripture Reading:

RUTH 1:1-17

Sermon:

Offering Sanctuary, Finding Safety

We Respond to God's Great Love

† **Hymn:**

Outside My Gate, Outside My Door

Tune: UMH 408

**Outside my gate, outside my door,
is someone there who's lost or poor?
Is someone there I do not see —
that I walk by — who has a need?**

**Is there a child who longs for care?
An older friend who needs a prayer?
Someone who seeks a helping hand?
A refugee new to this land?**

**Outside our church, is someone near
who cries in pain, who lives in fear?
Is someone close who has no way
to buy the food she needs this day?**

**Some gates are made of wood or stone,
And some are made of sin alone.
Some doors are made of greed and pride;
they also keep the poor outside.**

**As we look out, Christ, may we see
our common, shared humanity.
May we kneel down and serve you more
outside our gate, outside our door.**

Why I Walk Today

Dick Schleicher and Ann Michel

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

† Benediction

Postlude

Jubilate

Roy Douglas

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, *preacher;*

Douglas Bell, *liturgist;*

Chancel Choir

Bruce Caviness, *organist and choir director.*

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Tyler Rusch Memorial Help the Homeless Walk Today!

Start times: 10 am and noon

People of all ages are encouraged to show their support for our transitional housing program by taking part in our annual Help the Homeless Walk today. There are two start times, one following each worship service. The registration table will be outside the Newark St. entrance to the Welcome Center.

Registration Fee is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children and youth. Or, contribute online at www.nationalchurch.org/GiveToWalk

Charge/Church Conference Saturday, October 19, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm (note change in time)

Open to all; all members may vote

Art Show Opening and Concert Next Sunday, October 20, 3 pm

Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

Featuring violin and piano duo

Nikita Borisevich and Margarita Loukachkin



and artist

Karen Schultz

Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall





National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

October 13, 2019, at 11:00 AM

Homelessness Sunday and Tyler Rusch Walk



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.