

September 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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

**Prelude**

*Arabesque*

Claude Debussy

Nevin Bender, *piano*

## We Gather to Praise God

### Words of Welcome

✠ **Opening Hymn:**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**FWS 2008**

✠ **Call to Worship**

A love that never ceases,  
**A creativity that designed the universe,**  
A hope that cannot be quenched,  
**A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:**  
These are the things that are of God,  
**Then let us worship God.**

## We Listen to Hear God's Voice

### Time with Young Christians

### Prayers of the People

### Litany for Life

*September 10<sup>th</sup> is World Suicide Prevention Day*

God our Creator, you give breath to each person you made.  
You treasure the gifts of each unique person.  
But when life becomes a burden rather than a gift,  
**God of life, hold us.**

When darkness strangles the will to live, when days become endless nights,  
**God of light, shine on us.**

When no one seems to understand, when we walk and wait alone,  
**God of love, embrace us with your presence.**

Where there is despair, bring hope; where there is shame, give value and worth; where there is emptiness,  
bring fulfillment; where there is suffering in mind and body, bring healing.  
**God of hope, hear our prayer for life.**

### 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:**

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

Mark Miller

Combined Choirs

Marco Cammarota and Austin Vitaliano, *soloists*

✠ **Dedication of Gifts**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**UMH 94**

✠ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Scripture Lesson:

GENESIS 2:4B-14

## Psalm

*The Great Spirit Prayer*

translated by Lakota Sioux  
Chief Yellow Lark

Oh, Great Spirit  
Whose voice I hear in the winds,  
And whose breath gives life to all the world,  
hear me, I am small and weak,  
I need your strength and wisdom.

### *Interlude*

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold  
the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have  
made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may understand the things  
you have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have  
hidden in every leaf and rock.  
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother and sister,  
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.

### *Interlude*

Make me always ready to come to you  
with clean hands and focusing eyes.  
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,  
my Spirit may come to you without shame.

## Sermon:

### **A Better Way to Tour National Parks**

## Anthem:

*The Heavens Are Declaring* Ludwig van Beethoven adapted by Dudley Buck

*...the Lord's endless glory. Thro' all the earth God's praise is found. The seas reecho the marvelous story. Let all repeat that glorious sound. The starry host God orders and measures. God fills the morning's golden springs. God wakes the sun from its night-curtained slumbers, let all adore the King of kings. What power and splendor, and wisdom and order, in nature's mighty plan unrolled through space and time to infinity's border. What wonders vast and manifold! The earth is God's and the heavens o'er it bending. The Maker in his works, behold! God is, and will be, through ages unending, a God of strength and love untold.*

Erika Straus, soprano and Geoffrey Di Giorgio, baritone

# We Respond to God's Great Love

## Reception of New Members

*Ben Kaweckj, Meredith Christianson, and Mike Heffner*

# We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† **Closing Hymn:**

*Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

**FWS 2004**

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Postlude*

Léon Boëllmann

**Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson**, *preacher*;  
**Rev. Janet Craswell**, *children's message*;  
**Kerm Towler**, *flute*;  
**Nevin Bender**, *piano*;  
**Melissa Chávez**, *music director*;  
**Bruce Caviness**, *organ*.

*The call to worship is written by Beth Merrill Neel.*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and  
in honor of the September 7 wedding anniversaries of Eugenia and John Evans and Bill and Nancy Holmes.*

**Join us after the service:**



**Homecoming  
Picnic**

- **Food!**
- **Bounce Houses!**
- **Gun-melting with artist  
Stephanie Mercedes!**  
(1 pm)
- **Information on our  
many ministries!**
- **Zero-Waste!**

# Sunday School: 10:05 am

## Children and Youth

	<p><b>Little Wonders</b> Ages 3 and 4, or 5 if not in Kindergarten</p> <p><b>Godly Players</b> Kindergarten</p> <p><b>Joyful Spirits</b> 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade</p> <p><b>Bible Explorers</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade</p>
	<p><b>Young Disciples</b> 5<sup>th</sup> grade</p>
	<p><b>Middle Schoolers</b></p> <p><b>High Schoolers</b></p>

## Adults

<p><b>Inspired Parenting</b></p> <p><i>Fireplace Room</i></p>	<p>Open to parents with kids of all ages, this class offers a safe space to share parenting challenges and joys.</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Burks</b>, <a href="mailto:elizabeth.burks@gmail.com">elizabeth.burks@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Questions of Faith</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room</i></p>	<p>Lecture from "The Great Courses" and discussion on various aspects of religion and religious history.</p> <p><b>Diane Moody</b>, <a href="mailto:billanddianemoody@comcast.net">billanddianemoody@comcast.net</a></p>
<p><b>Science, Religion, &amp; Society</b></p> <p><i>Parlor</i></p>	<p>Exploring issues at the nexus of science and religion, and their impact in the world.</p> <p><b>Maynard Moore</b>, <a href="mailto:emaynard8@yahoo.com">emaynard8@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>In the Biblical Sense</b></p> <p><i>Library</i></p>	<p>Explores how Biblical passages are relevant to us today. This week: The Book of Acts and the Early Church</p> <p><b>Bob Olson</b>, <a href="mailto:robob675@gmail.com">robob675@gmail.com</a></p>

## UMW Sunday at National United Methodist Church

Metropolitan Memorial campus  
3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington DC 20016

Wesley campus  
5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington DC 20015

*You are cordially invited to join the UMW at National UMC for services Sunday **September 15, 2019** with a luncheon following the second service.*

- 9 am informal worship and 11 am traditional worship (Metropolitan Memorial campus): Guest speaker **Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe**, General Secretary of the UMC General Board of Church and Society



- 11 am service (Wesley campus): Guest speaker **Kunda Musonda**, President of the Greater Washington District UMW

Please join us for a luncheon in the Great Hall (Metropolitan Memorial campus) after the 11 am services. \$10 donation is requested. Speaker: **Maggie Gumbinner** from **Health in Harmony**. Learn about Health in Harmony's efforts to preserve rainforests globally. Donations of feminine products and diapers will also be collected at the luncheon to go to DC Diaper Bank (it's our "Red Tent Revival"!).



## **Food for Thought** **September/October 2019**

Community Dinner at 6:00 PM, \$9 per person,  
*College students pay what they can*  
Class at 7:00 PM  
*Vestry, Metropolitan Memorial Campus*

### **Pastor Doug's** **Four Essential Spiritual Practices**

Wednesday, September 11:	Eat Lightly
Wednesday, September 18:	Breathe Deeply
Wednesday, September 25:	Move Freely
Wednesday, October 2:	Gaze Raptly

# Silence the Violence Concert

Saturday, September 21, 2019  
at 7:30 pm

National United Methodist Church  
3401 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20016

Ample parking available at NUMC and at American University

## With the music of:

### GenOUT

The youth ensemble of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC

American University Gospel Choir

Camerata Baltimore

National UMC Men's Ensemble

## And the art installation

"Ring of Freedom"

by artist Stephanie Mercedes

## Benefitting

### The TraRon Center

Helping those affected by gun violence heal through the arts and activism.



**\$20 General Admission**  
**Children 12 and Under:**  
**FREE**

Tickets available at the door  
and online at

[nationalchurch.org/silencetheviolence](http://nationalchurch.org/silencetheviolence)

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Welcome Walk

Curious to know more about Metropolitan Memorial and National UMC? Look for this sign after the service and go on a tour to learn more! Whether it's your first or 100<sup>th</sup> time here, come and learn about this community and the space we've been blessed with.



Jazz@Wesley presents

Los Vatos

Saturday, September 28

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wesley Fellowship Hall



# National United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

## Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

September 8, 2019, at 11:00 AM

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**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.*

[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org) | **(202) 363-4900**

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