



**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, February 20, 2022
National United Methodist Church**

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW
Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Introduction* from AFRICAN SUITE Nevin Bender, piano
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Dream a World* Festival Choir
Andre Thomas

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Rev. Janet Craswell

Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

SONG to SING *Listen, Sisters! Listen, Brothers!* Congregation
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BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

Listen, sisters! Listen, brothers to the news that we proclaim;
Spread the word and tell your neighbors: We have life in Jesus' name.
All because God loves us dearly, Jesus died for all our Sin.
On the third day, God showed clearly: Love has conquered, death can't win.
What could be our proclamation if our Lord had not been raised,
For without his resurrection, What could give hope to our days?
But in fact, our Christ is living — First to live, of those who've died;
For as all are lost through Adam, So in Christ, we're made alive.
What is sown will surely perish; What is raised will still endure.
What is sown, is sown in weakness; What is raised will die no more.
Flesh and blood cannot inherit That great kingdom God will bring.
God will change us — never fear it! Death, defeated, has no sting.

SERMON

Rev. Ali DeLeo

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING of HOLY COMMUNION

SONG to SING

I Serve a Risen Savior UMH 310

Congregation

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND JUICE

All are welcome to visit either station to receive bread which is dipped into the common cup and then eaten. A preference only for bread or a simple spoken blessing instead of elements is also acceptable. Those who wish to pray at chancel rail are welcome.

BENEDICTION and CALL to ACTION

Rev. Ali DeLeo

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
American Spiritual, setting by Charles Callahan

Bruce Caviness, Organ

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Dr. Eileen Guenther, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. Janet Craswell

SONG TO SING

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

Congregation

MEDITATION for HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Balm in Gilead
Spiritual, arr. Joe Utterback

Dr. Eileen Guenther, Organ

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TOWN HALL CONVERSATION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare in D
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Dr. Eileen Guenther, Organ

WESLEY 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Mike Wheaton

WELCOME and CALL to Worship Thomas Laryea

SONG to HEAR *I Dream a World* Festival Choir
Andre Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING THE PEACE Paula Pree

SONG to HEAR *We Shall Not Be Moved* Wesley Choir

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

MESSAGE Rev. Ali DeLeo

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HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER of COMMITMENT

Work through us and our gifts, Lord, So that what comes to us as seed,
Goes forth as flower. And what comes to us as flower, Goes forth as fruit. Amen.

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

CLOSING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519



Special Metropolitan Memorial Worship Sunday, February 20th, 11 am

Conditions have improved enough for National UMC to resume the 11am public worship service at Metropolitan Memorial on Sunday, **March 6th**. However, we are offering a special worship gathering **THIS SUNDAY**, February 20th, for NUMC members and friends who are willing to share 10 to 15 minutes of conversation together about the nature of the 11 am service going forward. Following beautiful organ music from Dr. Eileen Guenther, a live video of the NUMC choir singing at Wesley Campus, and holy communion, participants will be asked to reflect on what we believe to be the greatest gifts the 11am service offers the community.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the Fireplace Room Today at noon. This will be our first meeting in the new venue! All those interested are invited to come.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The final Food for Thought session on *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community* has been moved to **Sunday, February 27 at 2 PM**, instead of the usual Thursday time. Join us as we discuss the final chapter, "Walk in Love -- Discipleship." What are the practices that help us build and maintain Christian community? Meeting ID: 970 0575 7736 Passcode: justice



Grate Patrol will resume preparing sandwich bags in the Vestry following the 9am service on February 27. Due to restrictions caused by the pandemic we have been doing this work at St. Luke's since September 20, 2020. We encourage you to resume the support our congregation has given Grate Patrol over many years. People of any age are welcome to participate in this activity. It is an opportunity to support a useful project that gives food to the homeless. It is also an opportunity to meet other church members. Look forward to seeing you in the Vestry. If you have questions, contact John Long, Anita Seline, or William Schofield.

Welcome to National United Methodist Church!

We affirm our faith in the living God, who created everything that is and called it good, and created human beings in God's own image. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, incarnation of God's love and our Savior, who redeems and heals our relationship with God. We trust in the movements of the Holy Spirit, transforming human lives and the whole creation. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome, embrace, and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

Thursday "Food for Thought" will take a break February 24-April 10 so NUMC folk can participate in "Journey to Beloved Community," a special Lenten on-line course by the Baltimore-Washington Conference. For more information and to register, go to Journey to Beloved Community Course: 6 Actions for Belonging and Becoming | Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC (bwcumc.org). Registration is free, but you must register by February 22.