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**NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Washington, DC

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM**

**WELCOMING MUSIC**

Bruce Caviness, Organ

**PRELUDE**

*Adagio from Sonata in g minor*  
J.S. Bach, BWV 1020

Kerm Towler, Flute

*Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring at 9am.  
At the sound of the chime, please be seated and offer reverent silence as children enter with bells.*

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

*Excerpt from "Dark Testament," Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray (1910-1985)*

Freedom is a dream / Haunting as amber wine / Or worlds remembered out of time.  
Not Eden's gate, but freedom / Lures us down a trail of skulls  
Where men forever crush the dreamers—Never the dream.  
I was an Israelite walking a sea bottom, / I was a Negro slave following the North Star,  
I was an immigrant huddled in ship's belly, / I was a Mormon searching for a temple,  
I was a refugee clogging roads to nowhere—Always the dream was the same—  
Always the dream was freedom.

**OPENING HYMN**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

UMH 269

**ANTHEM**

*Kum Ba Yah*  
American Spiritual arranged by Ed Lojeski

Dayspring Choir

*...my Lord, kum ba yah! Oh Lord, kum ba yah! Hear me crying, Lord, kum ba yah.... Hear me  
praying, Lord.... Oh I need you. Lord....*

*Financial offerings will be received at this time.  
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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps, exiting to Children's Choir afterward*

Rev. Janet Craswell

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 and Matthew 4: 1-11

Angela Pupino

**SERMON**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**    *Lift Every Voice and Sing*    UMH 519 stanza 1

**PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER**    Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**CLOSING HYMN**    *Lift Every Voice and Sing*    UMH 519 stanzas 2,3

**BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION**    Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**POSTLUDE**    *Mirage*    Junghoon Park, Piano  
Oscar Peterson

*Please join us at 10am after worship for coffee and conversation in the Great Hall which is located through the double doors on the right of sanctuary and left, down the hall.*

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**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM**

*The \* invites participants to stand as we are able.*

**WELCOMING MUSIC**    Bruce Caviness, Organ

**PRELUDE**    *Adagio from Sonata in g minor*    Kerm Towler, Flute  
J.S. Bach, BWV 1020

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**    Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**OPENING HYMN**    *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*    UMH 269

**ANTHEM**    *Kum Ba Yah*    Dayspring Choir  
American Spiritual arranged by Ed Lojeski

*...my Lord, kum ba yah! Oh Lord, kum ba yah! Hear me crying, Lord, kum ba yah....  
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**SCRIPTURE READING**    Angela Pupino  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 and Matthew 4: 1-11

**SERMON**    Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**    *Lift Every Voice and Sing*    UMH 519 stanza 1

**PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER**    Angela Pupino

**CLOSING HYMN**    *Lift Every Voice and Sing*    UMH 519 stanzas 2,3

**BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION**    Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**POSTLUDE**    *Someone's Singing, Lord*    Bruce Caviness, Organ  
American Spiritual setting by John A. Behnke

**PRELUDE** *Cantemos Al Señor* UMH 149

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**OPENING HYMN** *Happy in Jesus* Insert

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Paula Pree

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *You Are More* Insert

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**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 4:1-11

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**RESPONSIVE HYMN** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

**WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

*Work through us and our gifts Lord, so what comes to us as seed, goes forth as flower.  
And what comes to us as flower, goes forth as fruit.*

**CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* TFWS 2112

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**MUSIC to SEND US OUT** *It is the Cry of My Heart* TFWS 2165

*Please join us for complementary lunch in the Wesley Fellowship Hall following worship today.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LENTEN STUDY OPTIONS

### Tuesday, Online Bible Study with Dr. Ann Michel

Feb. 28: Enough is Enough - Manna in the Desert (Exodus 16)

This is a 101-level experience open to anyone. No prerequisites.

No homework. And no question is too simple or out of bounds.

For more information or to receive reminders of these sessions, contact Ann Michel ([amichel@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:amichel@wesleyseminary.edu).) Or, you can log into any class session at: Meeting ID: 883 4135 5662 Passcode: 563020

### Lenten Study: Five Means of Grace

During Lent, we will explore five “means of grace” – spiritual practices that help us renew our relationship with God and help our church community pray more deeply and live with greater commitment to hospitality, mercy, and justice.

We will draw from Elaine Heath’s book, *Five Means of Grace: Experience God’s Love the Wesleyan Way*. Copies are available in the church office or through usual on-line booksellers, but you do not need to read the book to participate in the discussion. Participate either in-person in one of new neighborhood groups (schedules vary), or **Thursday evenings on Zoom**.

**Thursdays, 7-8 PM, Meeting ID: 970 0575 7736, Passcode: justice**

February 23: The Means of Grace

March 2: Prayer

March 9: Searching the Scriptures

March 16: Holy Communion

March 23: Fasting

March 30: Christian Conferencing

## Reconciling Statement

*We celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all.*

*We welcome 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.*

*We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities.*

*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.*

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