



Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

January 13, 2019, at 11:00 AM

First Sunday after the Epiphany



Called by Name

Our Vision:

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

Praising Learning Serving Caring Sharing

The 1852 General conference established the National Methodist Church with the original sanctuary built near Capitol Hill and relocated in 1932. Each state, the President, the Vice-President, and the Chief Justice of the U.S. have designated pews. All United Methodists are welcome as Honorary Members of this Church.

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

Prelude: *Pastorale*

Louis Vierne

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome

† **Opening Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† **Call to Worship**

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

Anthem: *Come to the Waters*

G.F. Handel

Nicholas Carratura, tenor

. . . all ye that thirsteth; all that hunger, come, buy and eat, and your soul shall live. Come ye, come to the waters, he with no money . . .

Scripture Reading:

ISAIAH 43: 1-7

PSALM 29: 1-11 (*read and sung responsively*)

UMH 761

The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory: *This is My Son*

Fred Gramman

Katelyn Neumann, mezzo-soprano; and **Erika Straus**, soprano

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost, descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in that place: "Hic est Filius meus; ipsum audite." ("This is my Son; listen to him.") There were three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord; the Father said these blessed word: "Hic est Filius meus; ipsum audite." Consider now, all Christianity how the Father said because of thee the great mystery of the Trinity: "Hic est Filius meus; ipsum audite." Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man and were baptised in the River Jordan, at our last end we pray, say then: "Hic est Filius meus; ipsum audite."

† **Dedication of Gifts**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Gospel Reading

LUKE 3: 15-17 and 21-22

Sermon: "Called by Name"

Rev. Michael Chamberlain

✠ **Musical Response:** *Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

Recognition of Congregational Leaders

(Leaders come forward.)

Dear Friends:

You have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install these people gathered together.

(addressing the new congregational leaders)

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(addressing the congregation)

Dear friends,

Rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

We will.

We Respond to God's Great Love

Prayer of Confession

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns:

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

I Come With Joy

UMH 617

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

UMH 712

Prayer of Response

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

Closing Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

UMH 419

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude: *Paeon on Divinum Mysterium*

John Cook

Rev. Michael Chamberlain,
Judy Edstrom, liturgist,
The Chancel Choir,
Bruce Caviness, *director and organist.*

Prayer Ministry Team

*If you have a prayer request, contact **Rev. Frances Stewart,**
Minister of Congregational Care, at fstewart@nationalchurch.org.*

Pastoral Emergency Number: (202) 510-8555



Sunday, January 13, 2019

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

To learn more about us, please visit our web site, at:

www.nationalchurch.org

Visitors and Guests, Welcome!

Hearing Assistance

Personal hearing assistance units are available at the rear of the Church in the **Narthex**, or from an usher.

Parents of Young Children

There is a nursery for children five and under in Room 102.

There is also a baby-friendly area in the **Phillips Chapel**.

There is a diaper changing station in the bathroom in Room 102.

Coffee Hour

Each week, we host a time of refreshment and fellowship in the **Great Hall** (to the left as you leave the Sanctuary) between our two services, at 10:00 AM. Please join us. We look forward to meeting you!

Nametags

To order one, please print your name on the list found on the **Welcome Table** by the Great Hall, where the finished nametags may be picked up.

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Sunday School

Children's Ministry

Little Wonders (3-4 year olds): Room 101

Godly Players (Kindergarten-First Grade): Room 200

Joyful Spirits (Grades 2 & 3): Room 202

Bible Explorers (Grade 4): Room 203

Godly Play encourages children to embrace a sense of wonder in the presence of God through sharing Bible stories.

Young Disciples (Grade 5): Room 201

Contact: **Rev. Janet Craswell**, jcraswell@nationalchurch.org

Youth Ministry

Middle School: Room 204

Our Middle School youth follow the Bible-in-Life curriculum, walking them through important Biblical stories.

High School: Room 206

Our High School youth participate in regular discussions shaped by their lives and current events.

Contact: **Patrick Landau**, plandau@nationalchurch.org

Adult Study

Inspired Parenting: at 10:20 AM in the Great Hall

Open to parents with kids of all ages, this class offers a safe space to share parenting challenges and joys.

Contact: **Elizabeth Burks**, elizabeth.burks@gmail.com

Questions of Faith: at 10:05 AM, in the Conference Room

Lecture and discussion group that looks at personal faith and current issues.

We are currently discussing *Thinking About Religion and Violence*.

Contact: **Diane Moody**, billanddianemoody@comcast.net

Science & Religion Class: at 10:05 AM in the Parlor

A weekly discussion group considering the consonance between Christian faith and the latest advances in science. Starting in January, we will be studying the book, *Jim Wallis: Racism as America's Original Sin* (made available by Bishop Easterling for \$5.00. Order from Maynard Moore).

Contacts: **Maynard Moore**, emaynard8@yahoo.com

In the Biblical Sense: at 10:05 AM, in the Library

Where do you turn in the Bible for hope? inspiration? comfort? guidance? or wisdom? Each Sunday we explore familiar (and perhaps not so familiar) passages from the Bible. This is an excellent class for visitors, drop-ins or anyone who wants to talk about the scriptures in a relaxed environment.

Contact: **Bob Olson**, robo675@gmail.com