



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW
Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC

JANUARY 15, 2023
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

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

WELCOMING MUSIC

Junghoon Park, Piano

*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

ONE: "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed"

ALL: **Let us pray for courage and determination for those who are oppressed.**

ONE: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere...Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

ALL: **Let us pray that we may know that we are bound to all people under heaven.**

ONE: "The contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound.
It is too often the arch-supporter of the status quo."

ALL: **Let us pray that neither this congregation nor any other group of Christ's people are silent in the face of wrong.**

ONE: "In some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

ALL: **Let us pray, in faith, to work for justice and the goodness of God Almighty.**

(Quotations from "Letter from Birmingham Jail")

***OPENING HYMN**

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402

ANTHEM

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

...where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul! Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.... Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life....

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Janet Craswell

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

SERMON		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Many Gifts, One Spirit</i>	UMH 114
PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	UMH 519
*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
POSTLUDE	<i>Now Rejoice, Good Christians</i> Bach/Kempf	Junghoon Park, Piano

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

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PRELUDE	<i>Variation on an American Hymn Tune - NETTLETON</i> Setting by Gordon Young	Bruce Caviness, Organ
WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP		
		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Lord, I want to Be a Christian</i>	UMH 402
SCRIPTURE READING	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	Dr. Ann Michel
ANTHEM	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> Sebastian Temple	

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		Dr. Ann Michel
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POSTLUDE	<i>Fantasy on Walk Together, Children - American Spiritual</i> Arranged by Andre J. Tomas	Bruce Caviness, Organ

PRELUDE

Come On In This House

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***OPENING HYMN**

O Freedom

TFWS 2194

Versus 1, 3-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Paula Pree

SPECIAL MUSIC

Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH 474

Financial offerings will be received at this time. We support the Church with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and our witness.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Tanner Carlson

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Lord I Want to Be a Christian UMH 402

HOLY COMMUNION

WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Tanner Carlson

*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**

We Shall Overcome

UMH 533

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 149

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person 2023 NUMC Budget Convocation THIS WEDNESDAY, 1/18 @ 7-9pm
Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

All local NUMC participants are encouraged to join with us for a prayerful reflection on the 2023 draft budget which will be presented for information and improvement in the Metropolitan Memorial sanctuary. A final revision will come before Church Council on Tuesday, January 24th and then for adoption in Charge Conference the first week in February (date TBD).

UMW Annual recognition Event

National United Methodist Church's United Methodist Women is pleased to announce the return of our annual Recognition event. On January 21 from 2-4 pm in the Wesley Campus Fellowship Hall (5312 Connecticut Ave. NW) we will be honoring four exceptional women: Melissa Chavez, Marilyn Dickenson, Paula Pree and Beth McConnell. Through their dedication, hard work, and commitment these women enabled us to emerge from the pandemic stronger and laser focused on improving the lives of women and children, in DC, the US and the world. We hope to see you on the 21st! As always, you do not have to be a UMW member to come. ALL are welcome.

(Tea and light refreshments will be served.)

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 26-30

9 AM-noon

Ages 4 and up

Details to come soon!

Share an offering with National United Methodist Church through the QR code below or by depositing cash or checks in the plates which circulate in worship. Our donations support hundreds of people who find hope and purpose through NUMC. Thank you for sustaining the ministry.



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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.