



# Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 17, 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

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

**PRELUDE**                      *How Beautiful Are the Feet*                      Katelyn Neumann, Mezzo-Soprano  
G.F. Handel

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

### Litany for Welcoming a New Pastor

Dear friends, today we welcome the Reverend Doctor Rachel B. Livingston, who has been appointed to serve as Associate Pastor at National UMC. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, LaTrelle Miller Easterling.

**Lay Leader to elder:** Pastor Rachel, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

**Lay Leader to congregation:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold the Rev. Dr. Livingston in these ministries?

**Congregation:** We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

**Lay Leader:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

**Congregation:** Announcing peace, bringing good news, showing the path of life!

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      *Gather Us In*                      TFWS #2236 (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**                      Rev. Janet Craswell  
*Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Genesis 18:1-10                      Rev. Janet Craswell

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *How Can I Keep from Singing - American Folk Song*      Katelyn Neumann, Mezzo  
setting by Richard Walters      Jacob Barker, Tenor

**SERMON**      Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**      *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*      UMH #526

**PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER**      Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *Help Us Accept Each Other*      UMH #560

**\*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION**      Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

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

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## METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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**PRELUDE**      *I Would Be True - Joseph Y. Peek*      Bruce Caviness, Organ  
setting by Emma Lou Diemer

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**Leader:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

**Congregation:** who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *God Is Here*      UMH #660

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 18:1-10 Rev. Janet Craswell

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Can I Keep from Singing - American Folk Song* Katelyn Neumann, Mezzo  
setting by Richard Walters Jacob Barker, Tenor

SERMON Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

\*HYMN *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* UMH #526

PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Janet Craswell

\*HYMN *Standing On The Promises* UMH #374

\*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

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## WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

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PRELUDE *Come on in this House* Paula Pree, Mike Wheaton

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

SONG TO HEAR *Will The Circle Be Unbroken* Wesley Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS and \*PASSING OF THE PEACE Paula Pree

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:1-3, 14-17, 20-22 Julie Niemczura

\*HYMN *Here I Am Lord* UMH #593

SERMON Dr. Ann Michel

\*SONG TO SING *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS #2153

HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

Taste and see that the LORD is good  
You've tried everything that you thought you could  
Taste and see that His love is real

Open up right now and let your heart be filled  
With Peace overflowing, joy everlasting  
Love so amazing taste  
Life so exciting, Hope so inviting  
All who are crying to be free  
Taste and see, Taste and see  
Taste and see.

Taste and see that His Word is true  
You've been hurt before but He won't lie to you  
Taste and see never thirst again  
Every broken heart Jesus Christ will mend

You'll never know 'til you try  
You'll never live 'till you die to yourself  
And find for yourself that He's good  
You'll never see with your eyes  
Until your heart realizes that He is all that you need  
Taste and See

by Israel Houghton

### \*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.

### \* BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

Dr. Ann Michel

### \* POSTLUDE

*Si Tuvieras Fe*

Mike Wheaton, Piano

### **NATIONAL UMC is a RECONCILING CONGREGATION. That Means...**

*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.*

**Offerings can be left in the red box in the sanctuary or shared via this code. THANK YOU for your support!**





## **Be a Host! Help us welcome guests to worship!**

We need friendly people to arrive around 8:30am on Sundays (Metropolitan Memorial Campus) to greet guests with refreshments and directions. Can you help? Contact [communications@NationalChurch.org](mailto:communications@NationalChurch.org) to volunteer.

We also need volunteers to help serve “More Than Coffee Hour” at Wesley campus at noon each Sunday. We want to ensure both safe food handling practices and warm hospitality as guests enjoy a free meal. We need your help serving! Contact [communications@NationalChurch.org](mailto:communications@NationalChurch.org) to volunteer.



## **Wesley Choir Rehearsal**

Wesley choir rehearsals, lead by James Mayo (and assisted by Nevin Bender this summer) take place **Saturdays at 1 pm at the Wesley Campus**. We will rehearse weekly at this time, except for “Jazz at Wesley” Saturdays, the 4th Saturday of each month.

**All are welcome from both campuses!**



## **Jazz@Wesley Presents: Leigh Pilzer Trio**

Please join Jazz@Wesley on Saturday, July 23, to experience a wonderful jazz group, the Leigh Pilzer Trio. Leigh is a DC native and a well-known saxophonist, arranger, and composer. Leigh's combo has played at many of DC's top jazz venues, including Blues Alley, Westminster Presbyterian, Jazz at the Garden, and the Mansion at Strathmore. Also, hot meals are back at Wesley! Come and enjoy this festive and fun musical event.



## **Project Transformation**

Project Transformation DC is just about at its halfway mark for the summer. This amazing summer camp helps kids retain and improve their reading skills over the summer months. National UMC has volunteered and supported the camp for its entire existence, even through the pandemic! Please see the sign-up on our website [www.nationalchurch.org/online-serving](http://www.nationalchurch.org/online-serving) to support this very special Methodist church program.

You can volunteer to read with 40 campers at Brighter Day or Emory Fellowship. You can bring sandwich fixings, such as turkey and sliced cheese, Sundays to the Metropolitan Vestry and stay to help make lunches for the campers served by Campus Kitchen DC. You can buy school supplies for the campers from our wishlist. We currently need 25 more backpacks, plus paper, notebooks, and other supplies found here.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/32Y8HKB5YUVYQ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/32Y8HKB5YUVYQ?ref=wl_share)

Please select the registry address, and the church, when sending.

Any effort to help these resilient kids is very appreciated. Please take a moment to support Project Transformation DC in some way this summer.