

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

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Summer Series “Re: Parables”



Weeds and Plants

TODAY @ NUMC

Project Transformation DC

Join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall every Sunday after 9am worship to make and pack lunches for 30 young campers learning literacy skills through Project Transformation.

If you would like to mentor a young person through this program or offer other assistance, contact Anita Seline.

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Fellowship Following Worship

After both services, MM and Wesley, we will gather in adjacent rooms for food and fellowship.

Please join us!

Attendance

Please register your attendance with us today using the pads in the pews. Feel free to share prayer concerns. These will be collected earlier in the service.

Thank You!

Welcoming Music	<i>"Stand Steadfast against Sin"</i> Sinfonia from Cantata, BWV 54 (Arr. Ólafsson)	Junghoon Park, piano
Entrance	<i>Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring! At the sound of the chime, please be seated anticipating the arrival of children.</i>	
Welcome		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
Song of Praise	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People Come</i>	UMH 694
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Angela Pupino
Offertory	<i>Where The Music Comes From</i> by Lee Hoiby	Katelyn Neumann, mezzo-soprano p.3
	<i>Financial offerings will be received at this time. We support the Church with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and our witness.</i>	
Children's Time		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
	<i>Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps, exiting to Lego Sunday School afterward</i>	
Dedication of Offering	Give thanks with a grateful heart give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks. Give thanks.	
Parable for the Day	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Ann Michel
Reflection		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
Song of Response	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH 140
Prayers of the People		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
Call to Service		Ann Michel
Closing Song	<i>I Want To Be Ready</i>	UMH 722
Blessing	<i>Flute Sonata, BWV 1031: III. Allegro</i> (Arr. Bach)	Kerm Towler, flute Junghoon Park, piano

NOTE: This service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Please join us for Table Talk following worship. Coffee, snacks, and family activities are in the Great Hall.

Prelude	<i>Come On In This House</i>	
Words of Welcome		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
Opening Praise Song	<i>Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning</i> Blind Willie Johnson	p. 4
Opening Prayer & Passing of the Peace		Paula Pree
Scripture Reading	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Curtis Pree
Offertory	<i>You Can't Beat God's Giving</i>	Wesley Choir
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Message		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
Song of Response	<i>Jesus the Light of the World</i>	p. 5
Invitation to Discipleship		
Holy Communion	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	UMH 620
<i>All present are welcome to receive the elements of communion, gluten free bread, and grape juice. All may then kneel in prayer at the chancel rail and light candles of remembrance.</i>		
Doxology and Prayer of Commitment		UMH 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here, below. Praise God above the heavenly host, Praise Father, son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
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 Song	<i>We Shall Overcome</i>	UMH 533
Benediction, Announcements, Call to Action		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
Postlude	<i>Cry of my Heart</i>	TFWS 2165

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**Please join us for More Than Coffee Hour, a free community meal for all!
Exit the sanctuary to the right into the Fellowship Hall!**

Where the Music Comes From

by Lee Hoiby

I want to be where the music comes from
Where the clock stops, where it's now
I want to be with the friends around me
Who have found me, who show me how
I want to sing to the early morning
See the sunlight melt the snow
And oh, I want to grow
I want to wake to the living spirit
Here inside me where it lies
I want to listen till I can hear it
Let it guide me and realize
That I can go with the flow unending
That is blending, that is real
And oh, I want to feel
I want to walk in the earthly garden
Far from cities, far from fear
I want to talk to the growing garden
To the devas, to the deer
And to be one with the river
Breezes blowing, sky above
And oh, I want to love

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Song by Blind Willie Johnson

Keep your lamp trimmed and a-burning
Keep your lamp trimmed and a-burning
Keep your lamp trimmed and a-burning
Oh See what the Lord has done

Sister don't get worried
Sister don't get worried
Sister don't get worried
For the work is almost done

Keep your lamp trimmed and a-burning
Keep your lamp trimmed and a-burning
Keep your lamp trimmed and a-burning
Oh See what the Lord has done

Brother don't get worried
Brother don't get worried
Brother don't get worried
For the work is almost done

Heaven's journey, is almost over
Heaven's journey, is almost over
Heaven's journey, is almost over
See what the Lord has done

Elder don't get worried
Elder don't get worried
Elder don't get worried
For the work is almost done

Is almost over
Is almost over
Is almost over
See what the Lord has done

Brother don't get worried
Brother don't get worried
Brother don't get worried
For the work is almost done

Jesus, the Light of the World

Mrs. James Vincent Coombs, 1898

Arranged

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1. All ye saints of light pro-claim, Je-sus, the light of the world; Life and mer-cy
2. Hear the Sav-ior's ear-nest call, Je-sus, the light of the world; Send the Gos-pel
3. Why not seek Him then to-day, Je-sus, the light of the world; Go with truth the
4. Come, con-fess Him as your king, Je-sus, the light of the world; Then the bells of

Refrain

in His name, Je-sus, the light of the world.
truth to all, Je-sus, the light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light,
nar-row way, Je-sus, the light of the world.
Heav'n will ring, Je-sus, the light of the world.

Come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright; Shine all a-round us by day and by night,

Je-sus, the light of the world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Planting Trees at National UMC's Campuses by Richard Tilley, Trustee

National UMC was recently approached by an organization that seeks to plant trees, for free, at houses of worship. The organization, Laudato Trees, is a Roman Catholic group that is caring for God's creation by planting trees on the many acres owned by faith-based congregations in the DMV. CaseyTrees is a DC-based organization whose mission is to restore the tree canopy in Washington, D.C. With approval from National UMC's Board of Trustees, Courtney Leatherman, Mary Rollefson, and Richard Tilley, are exploring the possibility of a partnership with these organizations. As a first step, we three met with Philip Downey, the Laudato Trees volunteer, and Dana Gresham, an arborist with Casey Trees. We walked all three National UMC campuses during this 2-hour site evaluation. Dana has produced initial plans that we are currently reviewing. We have aerial maps to show the location and size of the trees on each campus. Please keep a lookout for further information on how to access those maps. For now, we invite participants to imagine how trees and other exterior improvements might make our facilities even more inviting. Comments can be shared with Richard Tilley via communications@nationalchurch.org.



American Red Cross Give Blood, Help save lives – Blood Drive

Thursday, August 3 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Metropolitan Memorial Campus Vestry

You may sign-up online at www.redcross.org and search by sponsor code “National UMC” or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make your life-saving donation.



Finding God in Scripture Online Bible Study Tuesdays, 6-7 pm via zoom

The Courageous Women on Jesus's Family Tree - Jesus's genealogy (Matt:1) includes something usually missing from Biblical genealogies – the names of five women. In July and August, we will look at these female forebearers of Christ and why their names and stories are part of Jesus's family tree. This is a 101-level experience open to anyone. No prerequisites. No homework. And no question is too simple or out of bounds. Newcomers are welcome to jump in at any time.

July 25 - Wherever You Go, I Will Go. Ruth (Ruth 1 – 4)

Aug 1 - One Little Ewe Lamb. Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11 – 12)

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 4135 5662 | Passcode: 563020



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