



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

JUNE 18, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

This Service is live-streamed on nationalchurch.org, YouTube, and Facebook.

WELCOMING MUSIC *"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel": Op. 59 No. 11* Junghoon Park, piano
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring!
At the sound of the chime, please be seated for the children's procession.*

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Angela Pupino and Tanner Carlson

ONE: Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

ALL: Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

ONE: Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.

ALL: Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed.

ONE: Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here
now to this place and time of celebration.

ALL: Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.

OPENING HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* UMH 710

BAPTISM Nicholas Numedahl UMH p.40, 43
Child of Michelle Dominguez and Marc Numedahl
born October 7, 2022

ANTHEM *Oh For A Faith* Dayspring Choir
By Nathan Carter

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18: 2-8 Tanner Carlson

SERMON Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Freedom Song* TFWS 2192

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

CLOSING HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

UMH 475

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

POSTLUDE

"Wade in the Water": Op. 59 No. 24
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Junghoon Park, piano

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

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

PRELUDE

Just as I Am
setting by Raymond H. Haan

Bruce Caviness, organ

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

ONE: Let us never give up praying for justice, or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us 'Why?'

ALL: Let us never give up praying for fairness, or the hungry of this world will one day ask us 'Why?'

ONE: Let us never give up praying for healing, or the sick in this world will one day ask us 'Why?'

ALL: Let us never give up praying, for to give up is to deny our faith in a God who answers prayer.

OPENING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

UMH 75

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18: 2-8

ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight - John Gardner

Chancel Choir

...with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek his face; life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: his boundless mercy will provide; trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love. Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear; only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.
Amen.

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SERMON

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

HYMN OF RESPONSE

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

UMH 352

PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Old Hundredth - Henry Purcell
Setting by E. Power Biggs

Bruce Caviness, organ

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PRELUDE *Come On In This House* Wesley Choir

OPENING SONG *Juneteenth* Wesley Choir
by Steve Jones, DC Labor Chorus

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Dee Dee Parker Wright

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HYMN *Go Down Moses* UMH 448

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Paula Pree

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18: 2-5 Dee Dee Parker Wright

SERMON Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

SONG OF RESPONSE *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Dee Dee Parker Wright

*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.*

HOLY COMMUNION *Taste and See* - Israel Houghton

CLOSING SONG *My Eyes Have Seen the Glory* UMH 717

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE *Cry of my Heart* TFWS 2165

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Understanding Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America. Worship offers sacred space for each new generation to confront how far we have come, and yet recognize that Christ's good news to the poor offering release to the captive has yet to travel to every corner of every heart.



TODAY! 11 am Worship Working Group Meeting

The worship committee will form a working group to share ideas about the 11:00 am Metropolitan Memorial worship service, which will be re-starting in September 2023. Present attendees of the 11:00 am service are especially encouraged to support this effort, with ideas, suggestions or just to listen to the discussion. After the 11:00 am service on June 18, Bruce will be in the Narthex and Ginny Weber will be in the side entrance to enlist your support.



Summer Worship Beginning Sunday, June 25th

6/25 through 9/3 there will be one worship service at Metropolitan Memorial Campus at 9 am followed by 10 am Table Talk. Lego Sunday School will take place each week during this time.

11 am service at Wesley will continue, followed by lunch. Both services will be live-streamed.

Summer Series "Re: Parables-The yarns we spin mend the fabric we've torn!" Join us as we share Jesus' favorite means of expression—memorable little stories packed with powerful truth!



Lighthouse Zoom Next Week at Noon

Sunday, June 25th a small group will gather at Metropolitan Memorial Library or online to meet one another and watch portions of worship together. Through Lighthouse meetings like this in the coming months, we will create space for newcomers to find each other and find the love of God.

All contributions to the ministry and witness of National United Methodist Church in Washington DC are valued and appreciated! Donations can be made in person during the musical anthem of the day or scan this QR code for sharing gifts online. Thank you!



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where you're from,
who you love,
or how you vote,
our hearts, minds, and doors
are open for you.**

