



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

JUNE 4, 2023
PRIDE SUNDAY

WESLEY 11 AM

PRELUDE

Let's Sing Unto the Lord (Cantemos al Señor)

UMH 149

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Voice I: We are part of the Church universal - faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation, age, and ability, gathered to love and serve God.

Voice II: We are a Reconciling Church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

All: **There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Straight!**

Voice I: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: **May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.**

OPENING HYMN

Down by the Riverside

Going to lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside; Going to lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside,
Going to study war no more.

Chorus: I ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,

Going to lay down my burden, Going to try on my starry crown, Going to meet my dear old father,
Going to meet my dear old mother, Going to meet my loving Jesus,

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Everybody Ought to Treat a Stranger Right
Blind Willie Johnson

Wesley Choir

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gospel Changes
John Denver

Rev. Wendy Tate

SCRIPTURE READING (read responsively)

Mark 10:2-4	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!
Mark 10:13-14	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!
Mark 8:1-3	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!
Matthew 22-23	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!

RESPONSE: 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.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Tate

SONG OF RESPONSE

Seasons of Love - Rent

Insert

HOLY COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Thomas Laryea

*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

Down to the River to Pray

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Si Tuvieras Fé

Wesley Choir

Please join us for a free community meal in the Fellowship Hall
at the conclusion of worship today!

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.

Down To The River To Pray

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As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down?
O mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

O children, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O children, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome Table Volunteers Needed Red Cross Blood Drive June 7th

National UMC partners with the Red Cross to save lives through Blood Drives. But you don't need to donate (or go near) blood to help - we are looking for volunteers to staff the check-in table and welcome the donors. Our next Blood Drive is June 7th from 9-3pm at the Metropolitan Memorial Campus, and volunteers can work morning or afternoon shifts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact communications@nationalchurch.org



Vacation Bible School

Join us for Changemakers Lab, the Vacation Bible School where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! Through Bible stories, songs, art, science, games, and tasty snacks, children are invited to see and experience the transforming love of God. Grounded in God's love, children can use their unique gifts to make a difference wherever they go!

June 26-30, 9 AM-noon Metropolitan Memorial Campus

Children ages 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to participate as campers.
Middle school and high school students are welcome to be junior counselors.
\$25 per camper/ \$10 per junior counselor
\$60 max per family
Register today. Spaces are limited! www.nationalchurch.org/vbs



Welcome Rev. Neal Christie!

Executive Minister of Connected Engagement Baltimore Washington Conference
Guns and Our Cultures Guns and Gun Violence

June 11, 2023, Metropolitan Campus 9 am and 11 am - Discussion Time 10 am

Neal is the author of "[Justice in Everyday Life](#)", "[Thinking Theologically About Have and Have Nots](#)" and the video series available online, "[Living our Principles](#)". Neal organizes legislative action focused on creation care, gun violence prevention, housing equity, immigration, voting rights, and domestic violence. He has taught at Africa University in Zimbabwe and UMC universities in the DRC and Nigeria and led workshops across countries in Africa, Europe, Eurasia and Russia, and the Philippines as well as Brazil and Mexico. Neal served as a trauma hospital chaplain and local church pastor starting in 1990. He attended Yale University Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, the American University School of International Service, and undertook doctoral coursework at Wesley Theological Seminary.

How do we unite faith with action? Come hear this author, teacher, and traveler as he explores our culture of guns and the increasing violence caused by them.

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