



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

**MARCH 26, 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

REP. JOHN LEWIS (1940-2020)  
BY ARTIST KELLY LATIMER

**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM**

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**WELCOMING MUSIC**

*Bach: Prelude and Fughetta*

Junghoon Park, organ

*Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring at 9 am.  
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:** Take a long, hard look down the road you will have to travel once you have made a commitment to work for change.

**ALL:** **This transformation will not happen right away.**

**ONE:** Change often takes time. It rarely happens all at once. In the movement, we didn't know how history would play itself out. When we were getting arrested and waiting in jail or standing in unmovable lines on the courthouse steps, we didn't know what would happen,

**ALL:** **...but we knew it had to happen.**

**ONE:** And if we believe in the change we seek, then it is easy to commit to doing all we can,

**ALL:** **because the responsibility is ours alone to build a better society and a more peaceful world.**

*Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America, by John Lewis*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Lord of the Dance*

UMH 261

**ANTHEM**

*Lacrymosa: Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep*  
Howard Goodall

Dayspring Choir  
Larry L. Boggs, Jr., Baritone

*Financial offerings will be received at this time.  
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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Janet Craswell

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

<b>SERMON</b>		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
<b>HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>Breathe on Me Breath of God</i>	UMH 420
<b>PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Let It Breathe on Me</i>	UMH 503
<b>MISSION MOMENT and BENEDICTION</b>		Lois Weaver and Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Mozart/Liszt: Lacrimosa, from Requiem, K. 626</i>	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.*

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**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Fix Me, Jesus - American Spiritual</i> Arranged by Marianne Kim	Bruce Caviness, Organ
<b>WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Rev. Janet Craswell
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>Lord of the Dance</i>	UMH 261
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Lacrymosa: Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep</i> Howard Goodall	Chancel Choir Larry L. Boggs, Jr., Baritone

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain. I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush of far-off birds in circling flight. I am the starshine of the night.

Lacrymosa dies illa. (Day of tears.)

I am in every flower that blooms, I am in still and empty rooms. I am the child that yearns to sing: I am in each lovely thing. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there. I did not die.

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<b>HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>Breathe on Me Breath of God</i>	UMH 420
<b>PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Angela Pupino
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Let It Breathe on Me</i>	UMH 503
<b>BENEDICTION and MISSION MOMENT</b>		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Gigue - Elizabeth Turner</i>	Bruce Caviness, organ

**PRELUDE**

*Come On In This House*

Wesley Choir

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**OPENING HYMN**

*The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power - Andrae Crouch*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Paula Pree

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Order My Steps*

Wesley Choir

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Laura Harper Powell

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*The Old Rugged Cross*

UMH 504

**WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

Laura Harper Powell

*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**

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

UMH 702

**MISSION MOMENT and BENEDICTION**

Lois Weaver and Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**MUSIC to SEND US OUT**

*Si Tuvieras Fe*

Wesley Choir

*Please join us for complimentary lunch in the Wesley Fellowship Hall following worship today.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Grate Patrol TODAY** - join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry after the 9 am worship or the Wesley Fellowship Hall after worship to make sandwiches and pack lunches for the monthly Grate Patrol, a Salvation Army program that serves meals to the homeless of DC every night. We also will be making sandwiches for Friendship Place's Welcome Center.

### NUMC Arts Council presents

*The Color of Light*: watercolors by Susan O'Neill opening and reception TODAY at 3 pm Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall.

### SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY

Since 2018 NUMC has supported [The TraRon Center](#), a DC non-profit offering safe space, counseling and art therapies to children and youth traumatized by gun violence. This year we are raising \$7,125 for a special camp for twenty of these survivors.

### CONTRIBUTE TODAY!

ONLINE: <https://onrealm.org/nationalchurch/give/Camp>

TEXT: "MYGIVING Camp" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

CHECKS: "TraRon Camp" in the memo.

QR CODE:



### 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.*

### Holy Week Schedule

April 1 "Seeds, Soup, and Songs" Event @ St. Luke's Mission Center (12-3)

April 2 Palm Sunday Celebrations! (9:30 am Brunch at Wesley)

April 5 Prayer and Praise (6 pm Online)

April 6 Maundy Thursday (In-person @ Great Hall 6 pm / FB Live 8 pm)

April 7 Good Friday (In-person @ Wesley Sanctuary, Livestreamed 7 pm)

April 9 Easter Celebrations! (10 am Brunch at Metropolitan Memorial)

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