



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*Sunday, March 27, 2022*

**National United Methodist Church**  
Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW  
Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW  
Washington, DC

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**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**PRELUDE**

*"Solace"*  
Scott Joplin

Nevin Bender, Piano

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

*TUNE: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine UMH #369. Soloist: James Mayo, III*

SOLO: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

ALL (refrain): This is my sto-ry, this is my song praising my Sa-vior all the day long  
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SOLO: May we all wel-come into our pew those who in Je-sus are being made new —  
All those who seek him, wanting to know, wanting to love him, wanting to grow.

ALL (refrain): Welcoming God, you stand at our door, as someone diffe-rent, outcast or poor.  
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search. May we all wel-come you in your church.

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**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

Rev. Janet Craswell

*Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Dakota Kenney

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*"So Many Reasons"*  
E. Robinson

Led by James Mayo III

Delivered out of darkness into the kingdom of His Son  
Forgiven of my sin and redeemed through His blood  
Oh, oh yes I have so many reasons to rejoice! Rejoice! I have so many reasons to rejoice!

He woke me up this morning and He started me on my way

He gave me health and strength let me see another day  
Oh, oh yes I have so many reasons to rejoice! Rejoice! I have so many reasons to rejoice!

**SERMON** Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

**ANTHEM** *"Coming Home"* NUMC Choir Dir. James Mayo III  
William J. Kirkpatrick, arranged by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo

**PRAYER of the DAY and LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**BENEDICTION** Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

**POSTLUDE** *"Jubilation"* Bruce Caviness, Organ  
Fela Sowande

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## METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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**PRELUDE** *"Nimrod from the Enigma Variations"* Eileen Guenther, Organ  
Edward Elgar arranged by W. H. Harris

**OPENING SONG:** *"This is My Song"* UMH #437

**WELCOME and Call to WORSHIP** Rev. Ali DeLeo

**ONE:** Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

**ALL:** Let us act justly

**ONE:** "I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing."

**ALL:** Let us love tenderly.

**ONE:** "I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

**ALL:** Let us walk humbly with our God.

**ONE:** May we see Christ in one another

**ALL:** that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ's name.

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**EPISTLE READING** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Rev. Ali DeLeo

**SERMON** Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling





**Welcome, Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling!** It is with joy that we welcome Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling as our preacher today. Bishop Easterling serves as episcopal leader of both the Baltimore-Washington and the Peninsula-Delaware Conferences. After a career as an attorney, she served as a pastor and district superintendent in the New England Conference. Bishop Easterling became our episcopal leader in 2016. She leads with a passion for racial justice, compassion for survivors of domestic violence, and prophetic preaching. **A reception for Bishop Easterling follows the 11am Wesley Campus Service.**



### **Today we celebrate the ministry of the United Methodist**

#### **Committee on Relief (UMCOR).**

Donations received on UMCOR Sunday provide major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. To give, write a check payable to NUMC with "UMCOR" in the subject line or donate on-line at [ResourceUMC.org/SSGive](http://ResourceUMC.org/SSGive).



**Today's Children's story** is from *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons*, by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Margaux Meganck (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017). Used with permission.



### **Speak A Word**

Lenten Reflections by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling Every Sunday at 2pm Zoom and in person at Wesley Campus sanctuary  
**Meeting ID: 850 7969 5047 Passcode: 599717**



### **Honoring Loved Ones at Easter**

Easter is a day of celebration. Honor or memorialize your family and friends while beautifying our church with a donation towards the flowers and greens that wrap NUMC in the living colors of the season. The greens and flowers in the church are totally supported by your contributions and are available for a donation of \$25 each. Mail, drop off, or donate online at: [www.nationalchurch.org/flowers](http://www.nationalchurch.org/flowers) by Tuesday, April 12.



**Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey.** A 6-week small group experience, beginning after Easter. Come join others on a journey to explore the Christian faith through a variety of spiritual practices. Participants will get an introduction to prayer, journaling, meditating with scripture, and listening for the voice of God. No experience necessary! This is open to anyone interested in deepening their faith, their connection with God, and building relationships with others on the journey. Each session is 60-90 minutes and will be held IN PERSON Sundays at 2 p.m. starting April 24. **An orientation session will be held April 10 at 2 pm (Palm Sunday).** To sign up or for more information, please email [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org).

## **Welcome to National United Methodist Church!**

We affirm our faith in the living God, who created everything that is and called it good, and created human beings in God's own image. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, incarnation of God's love and our Savior, who redeems and heals our relationship with God. We trust in the movements of the Holy Spirit, transforming human lives and the whole creation.

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome, embrace, 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.

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.