



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

**MARCH 5, 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

DOROTHY DAY (1897-1980) WITH HOLY FAMILY BY KELLY LATIMER

**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM**

**WELCOMING MUSIC**

*Andantino in g minor*  
A.F. Hesse

Junghoon Park, organ

*Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring at 9am.  
At the sound of the chime, please be seated and offer reverent silence as children enter with bells.*

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

*From "The Long Loneliness" By Dorothy Day*

**ONE:** But the final word is love. At times it has been a harsh and dreadful thing, and our very faith in love has been tried through fire.

**ALL:** We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love, we must *know* each other.

**ONE:** We know [God] in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet, and life is a banquet, too—even with a crust—where there is companionship.

**ALL:** We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love. And that love comes with community.

**OPENING HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH 369

**ANTHEM**

*My Lord, What a Mornin' - American Spiritual*  
Arranged by Harry Thacker Burleigh

Dayspring Choir

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

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

Angela Pupino

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 3: 1-17 and Psalm 121

Angela Pupino

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Freely, Freely*

UMH 389

**BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**POSTLUDE**

*Élévation ou communion "St. Eucaire" in b flat*  
Lefébure-Wély

Junghoon Park, organ

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

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**METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM**

*The \* invites participants to stand as we are able.*

**PRELUDE**

*Let Us Break Bread Together - American Spiritual*  
Arranged by Marianne Kim

Bruce Caviness, organ

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**OPENING HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH 369

**PSALTER**

Psalm 121

UMH 844, response 2

Penny Andrews

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...when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways; (gonna) join that heavenly band.  
Oh! My Lord, what a mornin'....

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**SERMON**

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**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in f minor - Luise Adolpha Le Bea*

Bruce Caviness, organ

**PRELUDE** *Come On In This House* Wesley Choir

*Musicians: Mike Wheaton, piano; Spencer Tate, guitar; Wyatt Mitchell, drums; Doc Powell, djembe*

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Janet Craswell with Dee Dee Parker Wright

**ONE:** Come, all who need help!

**ALL:** Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

**ONE:** Come, all who desire blessing!

**ALL:** Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

**ONE:** Come, all who long for salvation!

**ALL:** Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

**OPENING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE** Paula Pree

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Give Me Jesus* Insert

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**SCRIPTURE READING** John 3: 1-17 and Psalm 121 Dee Dee Parker Wright

**SERMON** Rev. Janet Craswell

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *He Came Down* TFWS 2085

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.*

**CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Janet Craswell

**MUSIC to SEND US OUT** *Si Tuvieras Fe*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Looking to join a Sunday morning women's group?

Circle 7 of the United Methodist Women is relaunching this spring. Initially young women (single, married, professionals, and moms with young kids), the group invites women of all ages to join. Come learn more this morning, Sunday, March 5 from 10-11 a.m. in Room 201 Metropolitan Memorial Campus. For more information, contact Ellie Dawson at [elizabeth.b.dawson@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.b.dawson@gmail.com)

### Prayer and Praise PODCAST

<https://anchor.fm/nationalchurch>

Most recently featured: NUMC member Belva Newsome

### Book Drive Next Sunday, March 12th, Noon to 4

Drive through the Metropolitan Memorial Campus parking lot and volunteers will unload your donated boxes of books, vinyl records, DVDs, and CDs for the upcoming Book & Bake Sale organized by the United Methodist Women. Please do not donate VHS and cassette tapes or textbooks and travel books more than five years old.

The sale will be held March 17-19, and benefits Project Transformation DC, Asylum Works, and A&D Memorial Institute. See [nationalchurchumw.org](http://nationalchurchumw.org) for more information.

### Holy Week Schedule Announced

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

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

April 5 Prayer and Praise "Five Means of Grace" (6pm Online)

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

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

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

### Lenten Study: Five Means of Grace

During Lent, we are exploring five "means of grace" - spiritual practices that help us renew our relationship with God and help our church community pray more deeply and live with greater commitment to hospitality, mercy, and justice.

Participate either in-person in one of new neighborhood groups (schedules vary), or **Thursday evenings on Zoom. Thursdays, 7-8 PM, Meeting ID: 970 0575 7736, Passcode: justice**

March 9: Searching the Scriptures

March 16: Holy Communion

March 23: Fasting

March 30: Christian Conferencing

### 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.*

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