



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

MAY 14, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

WELCOMING MUSIC

How Deep the Father's Love For Us
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Junghoon Park, piano

*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.*

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk
Arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson

Metropolitan Ringers
Susan G. Staines, director

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: And Jesus said, "Come!" To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"
MANY: to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"
to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"

ONE: Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
MANY: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart
and you will find rest for your souls."
ALL: Lord, we come to worship you.

(by Carol Penner)

OPENING HYMN

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

TFWS 2084

ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm
Bobby McFerrin

Dayspring Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need, She makes me lie down in green meadows, beside the still waters, She will lead. She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs, She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me, She has said, She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand. She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes, She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and kindness will follow me, all the days of my life, and I will live in Her house, forever and forever. Glory be to the Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world, without end.
Amen.

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

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps, exiting to Children's Choir afterward.

SCRIPTURE READING	John 14: 15-21	Rev. Barbara Green
SERMON		Rev. Janet Craswell
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth</i>	TFWS 2050
PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH 384
BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Janet Craswell
POSTLUDE	<i>Meditation "Ave Maria", after Bach's Prelude in C</i> C. Gounod/G. Bizet	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		Bruce Caviness, organ
WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
OPENING HYMN	<i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i>	UMH 152
BELL ANTHEM	<i>Just a Closer Walk</i> Arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson	Metropolitan Ringers Susan G. Staines, director
SCRIPTURE READING	John 14: 15-21	Dr. Ann Michel
ANTHEM	<i>The 23rd Psalm</i> Bobby McFerrin	Chancel Choir

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POSTLUDE	<i>Fanfare for a Princess</i> Norman Warren	Bruce Caviness, organ

PRELUDE

Come on in this House

Wesley Choir

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OPENING SONG

Gymnopedie No.1 by Erik Satie

Kim Sator, harp and Spencer Tate, violin

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Paula Pree

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Sunday by Duke Ellington

Spencer Tate, guitar

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WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Rita Guenther

*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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14: 15-21

Rita Guenther

SERMON

Rev. Janet Craswell

HOLY COMMUNION

For Everyone Born

CLOSING SONG

L-O-V-E by Kaeupfert/Gabler

Kim Sator, harp and Spencer Tate, violin

BENEDICTION

Rev. Janet Craswell

POSTLUDE

Si Tuvieras Fé

Wesley Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Parking Lot Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30 to 7:40 pm for the “How Great Thou Art” American Pops Orchestra Featuring Patti LaBelle and Kristin Chenoweth. Volunteers must be able and willing to stand and will be able to sit on the balcony (for free) after parking attendant duties have ended.

Contact communications@nationalchurch.org



Reverend Janet Begins Three-Month Leave for Formational and Spiritual Growth Today

From May 15 through August 15, our Minister of Discipleship, Janet Craswell will be stepping away from ministry responsibilities for a season. All clergy who have held full-time appointments for at least six years may request a leave of up to six months while continuing to hold an appointment in the local church, according to the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*.

Youth and children’s ministries will be in good hands during this season! Courtney Leatherman is coordinating Vacation Bible School. Our Student Ministries Coordinator, Angela Pupino, will oversee children and youth ministries, including Sunday morning childcare, Safe Sanctuaries, and Lego Sunday school. Katherine Sanchez will handle any problems with Zoom; class leaders with hybrid technology needs should talk to Lucinda Kent. Weekly Keeping Holy Time epistles and the Sunday morning children’s messages which are regularly offered by Rev. Craswell will feature diverse perspectives from laity and clergy this summer. As always, Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson and Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston are available for pastoral care. Call the church office at 202-363-4900 to connect with them.



Special Gifts in Worship the Next Two Sundays: Balloons and Dove Bars!

All who attend 9 am worship At MM and 11 am worship at Wesley on May 20th will receive balloons for Ascension Sunday and on May 27th for Pentecost Sunday! Wear rainbow colors on May 20th and red on the 27th!



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.

Pastoral Care: (202)-510-8555, congregationalcare@nationalchurch.org

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