



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

MAY 21, 2023
ASCENSION SUNDAY

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

WELCOMING MUSIC

The Lark - Mikhail Glinda
Arr. by Balakirev

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.*

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

ONE: Come, listen to the One who speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

ALL: Come, see the One who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

ONE: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One who
shows the salvation of God.

~ written by James E. Janecek

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

ANTHEM

Lord, I Believe
Setting by Larry Shackley

Sarah Heisler, soprano
Beth Revell, alto
Jacob Barker, tenor
Larry L. Boggs, Jr., baritone

I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth; by the Spirit was conceived, of the Virgin Mary born, he in whom I have believed: God Almighty, Three in One. I believe, Lord, I believe! Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died. Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide; for the stone-sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose; into heaven made his entry, mighty conqueror of his foes.... At God's right hand he is seated, till his coming, as he said; final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead; I confess the Holy Spirit, who was sent through Christ the Son to apply salvation's merit: God, the Spirit, Three in One. I believe the church of Jesus, universal, ever remains; we are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints. I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised to eternal life in heaven: ever let his name be praised. I believe, Lord, I believe!

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

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

SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 1: 6-14	
SERMON		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	TFWS 2282
PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
CLOSING HYMN	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	TFWS 2070
BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
POSTLUDE	<i>I'll Fly Away</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.

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

PRELUDE	<i>See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph - In Babilone</i> Setting by David N. Johnson	Bruce Caviness, organ
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WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
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ONE: Lift up the gates of your soul, open the closed doors of your mind, that the **King** of Glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The God of countless hosts, this is the **King** of Glory!

ALL: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that is available throughout the whole of time and space.

OPENING HYMN	<i>Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise</i>	UMH 312
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SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 1: 6-14
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ANTHEM	<i>O Clap Your Hands Together, All Ye People</i> <i>Martin Shawn</i>	Chancel Choir
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...sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great **King** upon all the earth. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord will sound the trump. For God is **King** of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. Sing unto God.

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SERMON		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Jesus, Shall Reign</i>	UMH 157
PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	UMH 327

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare
Benedetto Marcello

Bruce Caviness, organ

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

PRELUDE

Come on in this House

Wesley Choir

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Lift up the gates of your soul, open the closed doors of your mind, that the King of Glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The God of countless hosts, this is the King of Glory!

ALL: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that is available throughout the whole of time and space.

OPENING SONG

The Storm Is Passing Over

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

How We Got Over - Mahalia Jackson

Reggie Moore, tenor

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1: 6-14

Laura Harper Powell

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

SONG OF RESPONSE

Woke Up This Morning

TFWS 2082

HOLY COMMUNION

For Everyone Born

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 SONG

Guide My Feet

Insert

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE

Si Tuvieras Fé

Wesley Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jazz@Wesley presents Marcia Baird Burris - May 27, 6:30-8:30

Marcia brings to her dynamic performances a unique sensibility from her extensive travels in Africa, South America, Europe, and the Caribbean. This talented vocalist has been featured at the Westminster Church Jazz Night, Alice's Jazz and Cultural Society, the Smithsonian's summer festival stage, Blues Alley, and the National Democratic Club.

More Info: www.nationalchurch.org/jazz



Farewell to the Redbud at Metropolitan Memorial

As many have noticed, the Forest Pansy redbud tree outside the parking lot/office entrance is in decline. An arborist assessed the tree last year and said it could not be saved. Over the next few months the tree will be removed, the ground will lay fallow for a period, and a new tree will be put in its place. The cause of decline is not clear, but redbuds are understory trees that prefer shade. They also tend to be shorter-lived trees - about 25 years. The replacement tree will be a species that can withstand more sun. Keep your eyes peeled for progress! Any questions may be directed to Courtney Leatherman, c_Leatherman@ix.netcom.com



Church Council This Tuesday, 7pm, Zoom

All NUMC participants are welcome to attend Council meetings to learn how the church is making the love of God obvious. The 7pm meeting on zoom requires a password. Please contact communications@nationalchurch.org for access.



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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