



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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

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

**PRELUDE** *Be Thou my Vision* Nevin Bender, Piano  
Arr. Pepper Choplin

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Janet Craswell

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS** Rev. Janet Craswell  
*Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 14:23-29

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *If Ye Love Me* Dayspring Choir  
Thomas Tallis

**SERMON** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *God Your Love and Care Surround Us (inserted)*  
BEECHER 8.7.8.7 D ("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling") (c) Carolyn Winfrey Gilette

**PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN** *Go Now in Peace* UMH # 665

**BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**POSTLUDE** *Exultate* Nevin Bender, Organ  
Daniel Gawthrop

## METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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PRELUDE *Jesus Calls Us – William Herbert Jude* Bruce Caviness, organ  
setting by Emma Lou Diemer

\*WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Janet Craswell

ONE: Joyfully, we adore You, God of glory,

**ALL: We adore you, Lord of Love**

ONE: Let our hearts unfold before our God

**ALL: Let us open ourselves to the Son of God!**

ONE: Let us worship the Lord who fills us with gladness

**ALL: We worship the God who lights our way!**

\*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH #89

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:23-29 Rev. Barbara Green

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Gift of Love* UMH #408

SERMON Rev. Janet Craswell

SPECIAL MUSIC *Let All the World* Chancel Choir  
Norman Gilbert

PRAYER OF THE DAY Rev. Barbara Green

\*CLOSING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127

BENEDICTION and CALL to ACTION Rev. Janet Craswell

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful – Ludwig van Beethoven* Bruce Caviness, Organ  
Setting by Diana Bish

**PRELUDE** *Come on in this House* Paula Pree, Mike Wheaton

**WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

"The day will come  
When my body no longer exists  
But in the lines of this poem  
I will never let you be alone

The day will come  
When my voice is no longer heard  
But within the words of this poem  
I will continue to watch over you

The day will come  
When my dreams are no longer known  
But in the spaces found in the letters of this poem  
I will never tire of looking for you"  
— Sapardi Djoko Damono

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Paula Pree

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Wishful Thinking* Wesley Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 67 Emma Yaboah  
John 14:23-29 Cody Parker

**SERMON** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** *Soon and Very Soon* UMH #706

**\*WESLEY PRAYER of COMMITMENT** Cody Parker

Work through us and our gifts, Lord, So that what comes to us as seed,  
goes forth as flower. And what comes to us as flower, Goes forth as fruit. Amen.

**\*CLOSING SONG** *He Has Made Me Glad* TFWS #2270

**BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata* Eliora Brown-Egue, Piano  
Aram Khachaturian



## Cookie Sale to Support Families in Ukraine

Sunday, May 22 after 9:00 and 11:00 services at Metropolitan Memorial Campus and 11:00 service at Wesley Campus. Be on the lookout for cookies for sale after each service on May 22, with proceeds going to the *United Women in Faith International Mission Fund*. Your donation will support emergency needs in Ukraine and future international mission emergency needs and emerging programs serving women, children, and youth. This is a great way to satisfy your sweet tooth and provide much-needed support.



## Food for Thought, Thursday, May 26, 7 pm.

For the past several weeks, we've examined the question "What does it mean to be United Methodist NOW?" With our denomination at the point of splitting into two, possibly more Methodist denominations, where and how can we best live out our discipleship and commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ? We have looked at the background of the split, why some congregations are leaving, and why some plan to stay. This week, we will consider what all this means for National United Methodist Church. Join us as Pastor Doug leads a conversation on where National UMC fits into the future of Methodism as an inclusive congregation.

**Meeting ID: 970 0575 7736    Passcode: justice**

### 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.*



## National UMC Celebrates Pride Weekend!

Interested in learning more?

Contact [ellenbachman@comcast.net](mailto:ellenbachman@comcast.net) or Kerm Towler [flautobasso@yahoo.com](mailto:flautobasso@yahoo.com)

Pride Parade, 3pm Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Wear your comfortable shoes and march with us!
- Share your phone # with coordinator Ellen 703-967-0581

Reconciling Worship, 9 and 11am Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

- Sing in a Pride Choir! Rehearsal is Wednesday June 1 at MM Campus.
- Contact Nevin Bender for more info: [nevinbender@gmail.com](mailto:nevinbender@gmail.com)
- Help decorate the building and communicate on social media!

Our celebration of Pride weekend is one way we can express our active affirmation of LGBTQIA persons in our community and in our church. Make the love of God visible. Show your Pride! (and watch this space for future announcements!)



## Jazz@Wesley Presents Imani-Grace Saturday May 28 6:30-8:30 pm

Imani-Grace Cooper is a vocalist, composer, arranger, and band leader from Minneapolis, MN

Offerings can be left in the red box in the sanctuary or shared via this code. THANK YOU for your support!



## Love Offering for Pastor Ali

Throughout her time at National UMC, Pastor Ali DeLeo extended her love and compassion in ways that we won't forget: Twice-a-day prayer calls that sustained so many through the dark days of the pandemic and beyond; visits with families struggling with crises, illness and death; her sensitive care for the vulnerable in our community; gardening to help feed the hungry; her presence at youth events, food drives, circle meetings and much, much more. We learned from her and value her inspired preaching and deep intellectual gifts.

Pastor Ali has been appointed to serve Swarthmore United Methodist Church in Swarthmore, PA. National UMC members and friends will celebrate her ministry on Sunday, June 5, her last day at NUMC.

As an expression of our gratitude, we will present Pastor Ali with a love offering—a monetary gift. If you would like to contribute, you may:

(1) Mail a check made payable to “Ali DeLeo” to:

National United Methodist Church  
3401 Nebraska Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20016

\*\*\*Please mark on the outside of the envelope “For Ali DeLeo”

(2) Drop off a check at the Metropolitan Memorial Church Office made payable to Ali with the outside envelope marked “For Ali DeLeo”

(3) Donate electronically by clicking below and then using the drop-down menu to select “Love Offering”

<https://onrealm.org/nationalchurch/give/LoveOffering>

**Please add in the memo section “Ali DeLeo”**

We will miss Pastor Ali, her many talents, and her friendship. Thank you for considering a gift.

Co-Lay Leaders Phil Potter and Marsha Matthews

## God, Your Love and Care Surround Us

BEECHER 8.7.8.7 D ("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")

God, your love and care surround us every moment, every day.  
Now we gather to remember one who followed Jesus' way.  
Grateful for this life you've given, now we give it back to you,  
Trusting your eternal promise: "I am making all things new!"

As an ordinary pebble tossed upon a quiet pond  
Sends out rings of rippling waters, moving waters far beyond —  
So we touch the lives of others; We are moved by how they live.  
Help us, in our joy, remember; help us, in our pain, forgive.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus said to those he loved.  
"There are many dwelling places in my Father's house above."  
Jesus, you have gone before us; Jesus, you will guide us there.  
Lord, we trust your hand to lead us to the place that you prepare.

We hold onto what you promise: Earth and heav'n will be made new.  
Then your home will be among us; we will always dwell with you.  
There will be no sound of weeping; you will wipe away each tear.  
God, we trust your promise to us: Now and always, you are here.

Biblical References: Revelation 21:1-5; John 14:1-6

Tune: John Zundel, 1870 ("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")

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