



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

National United Methodist Church

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW

Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW

Washington, DC

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in E minor
Frédéric Chopin

Nevin Bender, Piano

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ali DeLeo

***OPENING HYMN**

“God, Our Nation Feels the Loss” (Insert)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.

Rev. Janet Craswell

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22, selected verses

Nina De Las Alas

SPECIAL MUSIC

Goin' Home
Antonin Dvorak

Dayspring Choir

SERMON

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400 vs 1 and 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ali DeLeo

CLOSING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River UMH #723

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Psalm 18, I will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength
Benedetto Marcello

Bruce Caviness, Organ

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

- PRELUDE** *Élégie* Bruce Caviness, organ
setting by Louis Vierne
- *WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
- *OPENING HYMN** "God, Our Nation Feels the Loss" (insert)
- TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**
Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.
- CHOIR ANTHEM** *So they Gave Their Bodies* Chancel Choir
Peter Aston
- SCRIPTURE READING** Revelation Chapter 22, selected verses
- *SPECIAL MUSIC** *Deep River – Traditional Spiritual* Larry L. Boggs, Jr., Soloist
setting by Moses Hogan
- SERMON** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
- HYMN** *Eternal Father Strong to Save* TFWS # 2191
- PRAYER OF THE DAY**
- *CLOSING HYMN** *Shall We Gather at the River* UMH #723
- BENEDICTION and CALL to ACTION** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
- POSTLUDE** *Psalm 18, I will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength* Bruce Caviness, Organ
Benedetto Marcello

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

PRELUDE

Come on in this House

Paula Pree, Mike Wheaton

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

ALL: a new world has broken into ours— a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

ALL: a new community has been formed— a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

ALL: a new creation has begun— all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

ALL: God's new world has begun.

OPENING SONG

I'll Fly Away TFWS #2282

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paula Pree

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Janet Craswell

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Janet Craswell

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 47

Youth Reader

SPECIAL MUSIC

Our God Is an Awesome God

Wesley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

Rita Guenther

SERMON

Rev. Ali DeLeo

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

O Christ, When You Ascended

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O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.

We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.

We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.

It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays — an hour, maybe two —
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.

One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

***WESLEY PRAYER of COMMITMENT**

Rita Guenther

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**

Sent Out in Jesus Name

TFWS #2184

BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION

Rev. Ali DeLeo

POSTLUDE

Si Tuvieras Fe



Support our Appalachia Service Project team!

NUMC is sending a team of youth and adult volunteers to Johnson County, Tennessee July 2-9. They need our prayers and our financial support. A donation of any amount will make a difference. Here are some examples of how your money could be put to use: \$20 = an ASP T-shirt for a volunteer. \$300 = a week of snacks for the team. \$350 (per person) = ASP participant fee. \$1000 = cost of gas to Tennessee and back. \$1400 = one van rental (we need two!). Help support this ministry today!

www.nationalchurch.org/donate



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!

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!

Pride Parade, 3 PM, Saturday, June 11.

- All are welcome. Wear your comfortable shoes and march with us. Share your phone number with coordinator Ellen for updates: 703-967-0581.

Reconciling Worship, 9 and 11 AM Sunday, June 12.

- Sing in a Pride Choir – rehearsal is Wednesday, June 1. Contact Nevin Bender at nevinbender@gmail.com for choir information
- Help decorate the buildings
- Share NUMC Pride on social media

For more information, contact Ellen Bachman ellenbachman@comcast.net or Kerm Towler flautobasso@yahoo.com



Farewell Receptions for Rev. DeLeo, Sunday, June 5

We wear RED on Pentecost Sunday! Even as we gather in worship to greet the promised Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge the departure of Pastor Ali DeLeo. Rev. DeLeo will preach at 9am Metropolitan Memorial Campus and 11am at Wesley Campus. RECEPTIONS will follow both services with a special luncheon and gift-giving at 12:30, Wesley.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming!

We will be planting seeds and learning about God's good earth in ReNew: the Green VBS. June 27-July 1, 9 AM-noon. VBS is for ages 4 through rising 5th graders; older children and students may sign up to be junior counselors. For more information and to register, go to www.nationalchurch.org/vbs. Register today -- spaces are limited!

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



God, Our Nation Feels the Loss

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Pilot

John E. Gould, 1871

1. God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil - dren pay the
2. Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a -
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus'

cost for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the
- way!" May we build a kind - er land where our
name. May we shout and say, "E - nough!" May we

si - lence we have kept. Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren
chil - dren un - der - stand: Ev - ery child here mat - ters
build a world of love— till the sounds of weap - ons

gone; God of love, this can't go on!
more than the guns we clam - or for.
cease, till our young can grow in peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano voice, with piano accompaniment in the bass and treble clefs. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in both the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a different vocal line. The score concludes with a final cadence in the piano part.

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