



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

MAY 7, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

WELCOMING MUSIC

Deep River
Arr. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Op. 59/10

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: God, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need.
You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

ALL: We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled— to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.

ONE: May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds;
may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in
this world as Your faithful disciples.

ALL: For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life.

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 546 Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

ANTHEM

Cornerstone - Eric Lijero, Reuben Morgan, and Jonas Myrin
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Dayspring Choir

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm he is the Lord, Lord of all. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love..... When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.....

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

Rev. Janet Craswell

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

BAPTISM

Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

Anna June Johnson
Born January 18, 2017

Lucy McKenney Johnson
Born May 18, 2019

Bennett Coleman Johnson
Born December 20, 2022

Children of C.J. and Suzanne Johnson

1st Congregational Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

2nd Congregational Response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Dr. Ann Michel
SERMON		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson and Rev. Janet Craswell
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Jesus, United by Thy Grace</i>	UMH 561 Stanzas 1, 4 & 6
BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
POSTLUDE	<i>In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)</i> Arr. Mark Hayes	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>Élevation – César Franck</i>	Bruce Caviness, organ
WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

ONE: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

ALL: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

ONE: We need not fear.

ALL: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

ONE: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

ALL: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. **AMEN.**

(written by Nancy C. Townley)

OPENING HYMN	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	UMH 546 Stanzas 1, 2 & 5
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS		Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

Patsy June

Tim Rutton

Hattie Wade

SCRIPTURE READING	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Barbara Green
ANTHEM	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

...Christ the Head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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SERMON		Rev. Janet Craswell
HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Jesus, United by Thy Grace</i>	UMH 561
BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Janet Craswell
POSTLUDE	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation - Henry Purcell</i> Setting by David Willcocks	Bruce Caviness, organ

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

PRELUDE	<i>Cantemos Al Señor</i>	UMH 149
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:	Tanner Carlson	Angela Pupino
OPENING HYMN	<i>Proof of Your Love</i>	INSERT
ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE		Paula Pree
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Day by Day</i>	Wesley Choir

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WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT		Colin Davies
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*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	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Colin Davies
SERMON		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Happy In Jesus</i>	INSERT
HOLY COMMUNION	<i>Taste and See</i>	
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Don't Let Nobody Turn You Round</i>	

BENEDICTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Si Tuvieras Fé

Wesley Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION TODAY. Participants of all ages are welcome to receive the gluten-free bread and grape juice of communion today. When invited, join the procession to communion hosts, receive bread which you may then dip into the cup and eat. Guests may also kneel in prayer at the railing near the altar afterward.

TODAY! @ Metropolitan Memorial Campus

- **Arts Council and North Bethesda Camera Club Present: An Exhibition of Photography**
Friendship: The Ties That Bind
Opening Reception: Sunday, May 7 from 3 pm to 5 pm - Exhibition dates: May 7 - July 15
- **Accord Symphony Orchestra presents “To Sit and Dream”** featuring the Mozart C minor Mass, and choral works by Rosaphyne Powell and Mark Miller.
Sunday, May 7 at 5 pm in the Metropolitan Memorial Campus Sanctuary

United Methodist Women’s (UMW) Retreat

Nourished by Jesus: Gifts of Hospitality in the Stories of Everyday Life

May 19 - 21 Priestfield Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, WV. **Registration Deadline: May 12**

Parking Lot Volunteers Needed, Monday, May 15th and Tuesday, May 16th

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 not be able to attend the concert. However, there may be an opportunity for volunteers to attend dress rehearsal on Monday. Contact communications@nationalchurch.org



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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