

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

October 15 at 11:00 AM

Sermon Series, Pt. 3

we
AREN'T IN KANSAS
anymore

So God Nourishes, Redeems and **Redirects** Us.



Making the Love of God Obvious!

Our Commitment

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.

An Invitation

As faith awakens in you and you seek to deepen your discipleship of Jesus Christ, we invite you to become a member of National United Methodist Church. Indicate your interest in membership on the attendance registry today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.



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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

† EXCHANGE SIGNS of RECONCILIATION

And now, since God has forgiven us in Christ let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you all...

RESPONSE IN SONG

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! (Refrain of UMH 160)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

HYMN of HOPE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14
Matthew 22:1-14

RESPONSE in SONG

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!

SERMON

Redirected Toward Reverence

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

INVITATION to OFFERING

Please register your attendance and write prayer requests at this time.
Ushers will receive these with the morning offering during the following song.
Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



OFFERTORY

A Gaelic Blessing - John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ
Of Christ, the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you

DEDICATION

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie in F Major
Cesar Franck

Todd Beckham, organist

PRELUDE

Shalom Chaverim - traditional Israeli folk song

Children's Choir
Katelyn Neumann
Jacob Barker

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Janet Craswell

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

✠ **CONFESSION**

Attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi:

Unison

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

when there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood, as to understand,

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

adapted from a prayer by Tom Schuman

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;
In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;
In God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Farewell Reception for Bruce Caviness

Join us after the 11am service in the Great Hall of the Metropolitan Memorial campus for an informal reception and appreciation of Bruce's 46 years of dedicated service.



Youth Dungeons and Dragons

This evening, DND continues its *Wild Sheep's Chase*

Ages 6th grade and up

5-7 PM, Metropolitan Memorial Campus

Rooms 200 and 201

The church will provide pizza, and youth and families are invited to bring snacks to share.



Kent Weaver Lecture: "Earth Matters"

Dr. Catherine Keller, Professor of Constructive Theology, Drew University

Saturday, October 21, 4pm

Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall.

Register using this QR code



Staff-Parish Relations Committee Clergy Evaluation Survey

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) of National United Methodist Church invites YOUR feedback for the annual evaluation of our clergy. While this vital process is the responsibility of the SPRC, we recognize that the congregation's input greatly enriches the feedback we can provide.

There are 3 ways for you to participate:

1. Complete online survey. <https://nationalchurch.org/sprc>
2. Send an email to SPRC@nationalchurch.org.
3. Communicate directly with a member of SPRC via email, a written note, or phone

SPRC Members

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| 1. Brian Boyle | 2. MeLisa Creamer |
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| 5. Barbara Tate | 6. Elizabeth Burks |
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SPRC is accepting input from the congregation through Wednesday, 10/25.

Please email SPRC@nationalchurch.org or contact Brian Boyle with any questions.

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