

Today's service is live-streamed. Those seated in rear remain off-camera

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

October 15 at 9:00 AM



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!

TODAY @ NUMC

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.

Personal Finance Class begins TONIGHT

Saving Grace will meet at the Wesley
Campus 5:15 to 6:45 on Sundays

For more information, contact Rev. Janet
at jcraswell@nationalchurch.org

PRELUDE

Prelude in E minor - Frederic Chopin

Todd Beckham, pianist

Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring. At the sound of the chime, please be seated while the children walk forward.

ANTHEM

Shalom Chaverim - traditional Israeli folk song

Children's Choir
Jacob Barker
Katelyn Neumann

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***SONG of THANKSGIVING**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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***PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Janet Craswell

CALL 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.



ANTHEM

There's A Spirit of Love In This Place - Mark Miller

Dayspring Choir

There's a spirit of love in this place,
there's a spirit of love in this place.

You can't see it, but it's there just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room,
there's the presence of peace in this room.
In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.
There's the presence of peace in this room.

There's a space for grace in our hearts; There's a space for grace in our hearts.
It's in learning to forgive that our spirits truly live.
There's a space for grace in our hearts

O alleluia, sing alleluia!
We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia!
There's a spirit of love
in this place

***DEDICATING our GIFTS TO MINISTRY**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks, to the Holy One, give thanks, for God has given Jesus Christ in Love. And now, let the weak say “I am strong,” let the poor say “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us! Give thanks! Give thanks!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

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

SCRIPTURE READING

EXODUS 32:1-14 and MATTHEW 22:1-14

MESSAGE for TODAY

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

- **Left Chapel**—Candles for an end to armed conflict, worldwide.
- **Right Hallway**—Receiving instructions for local Community Service today: Project Transformation DC Homework Club
- **Front Altar Kneeler and Pew near cross path**—Receiving individual prayer from pastors.
- **Seated and Online**—Meditate on Isaiah 11:9 and the following prayer by Rose Marie Berger

“They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.”

PRAYING:

God of Love, we lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures.
War is a monster that consumes everything in its path.
Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews.
Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies.
Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries.
We beg for love and compassion to prevail
on all your holy mountains.

LORD’S PRAYER

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All participants are invited to gather back together, singing the prayer Jesus taught us.

***CLOSING SONG**

Something Beautiful

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BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Deck thyself my soul with gladness
G. P. Telemann

Todd Beckham, pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 |
| 3. Paula Pree | 4. Belva Newsome |
| 5. Barbara Tate | 6. Elizabeth Burks |
| 7. Phil Potter | 8. Marsha Matthews |
| 9. Connie Sommers | 10. Carissa Moffat-Miller |

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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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.



Bell Choir Rehearsal

All who like to make music are welcome! There is a place for you!

Sundays at 1PM

Metropolitan Memorial Campus sanctuary



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

