



# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

October 29 at 11:00 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!

**PRELUDE**

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior* - Cathy Moglebust

Metropolitan Ringers

**WORDS of WELCOME**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

UMH 110

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION**

✠ **CONFESSION and AFFIRMATION**

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**Community of faith: I do.**

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**Community of faith: I do.**

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**Community of Faith: I do.**

✠ **PERSONAL AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

*In this time, please consider what it means to place trust in Christ's grace and to serve in union with the Church.*

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor:

We are the Body of Christ— living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope,  
embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much. We are here to be reminded  
once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about.

**Community of Faith:**

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are,  
by the power of God working in and among us. We open ourselves to God, who makes all  
things new.**

## ✠ EXCHANGE SIGNS of RECONCILIATION

Christ gives us this ministry of reconciliation and peace. So then let us exchange signs of reconciliation and 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. Dr. Rachel Livingston

## HYMN of HOPE

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

## RESPONSE in SONG

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!**

## SERMON

*Save All You Can--Point to the Farther End*

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

*If Ye Love Me* - Thomas Tallis

Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another comforter, that He may 'bide with you forever,  
e'en the Spirit of Truth.

## DEDICATION

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

## ✠ CLOSING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

## ✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

## POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress* - George Friedrich Kaufmann

Todd Beckham, organ

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

We will be honoring all those we have lost in the last year. If you would like to honor a specific person or persons, we ask that you send their name(s) to us at [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)



## Contribute to the Messenger

If you have a ministry event coming up, a recent church event you want to celebrate, or a story of how God is at work in this community, we want to hear from you!

**Deadline: Monday, October 30th**



## Church Conference

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Zoom

This year after NUMC members gather on zoom to hear a message from our new District Superintendent, Rev. Johnsie Cogman, we will review a few 2024 budget figures (the full budget is presented in January 2024) and then we will receive a report from one who wishes to enter Candidacy to become a United Methodist clergy member! Look for a link in the e-blast on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't receive an e-blast from NUMC? Sign up here: [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org).



## Food Drive

Saturday, November 11

Troop 666 Boy Scouts are holding a food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank and Campus Kitchen on Saturday, Nov. 11. 10am to 12:30pm. Non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned goods, cereal are always needed. **Thank you**

## UMW Bazaar

Friday, November 3

12 noon to 7 pm

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Saturday, November 4

9 am to 4 pm

Vestry

Metropolitan Memorial campus

## DO YOU ENJOY MUSIC AND ARTS?

Join the National UMC Arts Council!

Help us plan Exhibits, shows and discussions.

Contact:

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