

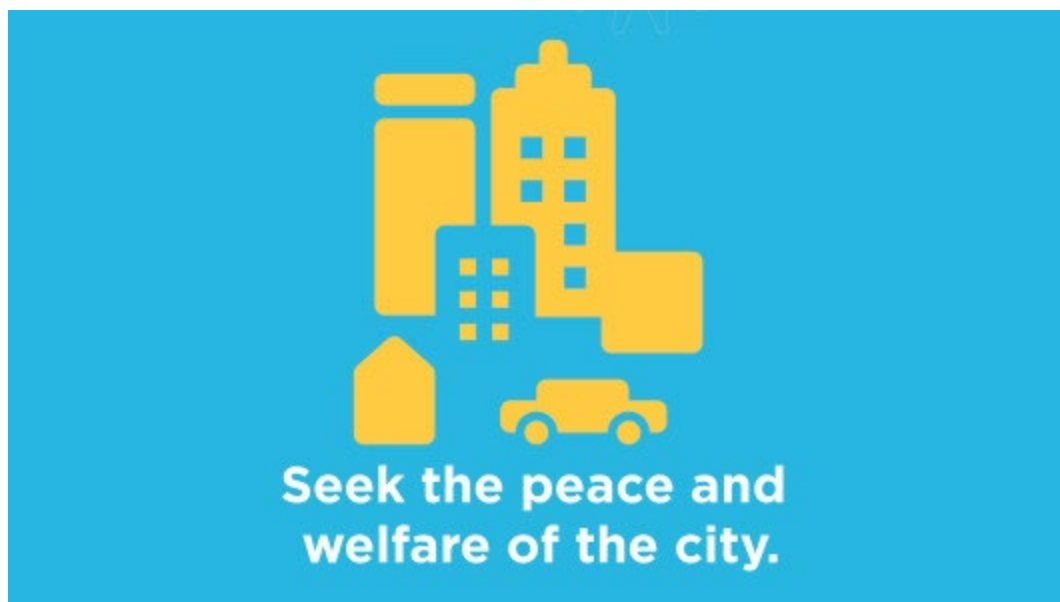
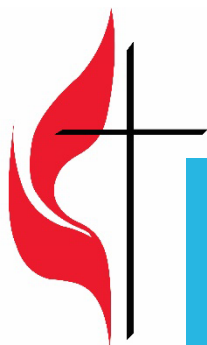
# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley Campus  
5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

September 17th at 11:00 AM

*Making the Love of God Obvious*

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## **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.*

## FAITH COMES TO US AS SEED

### PRELUDE and PRAISE

*Come On In This House*

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

### RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

Christian Alexander Martine and Johanna Andrea Florez Merchan

One: Beloved, I commend to your love and care, Andrea and Christian. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**All: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church and welcome you to this congregation. With you, we renew our vows to uphold National United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

### SONG of PRAISE

*He Reigns*  
Peter Furler and Steve Taylor

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### PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Paula Pree

### SHARING THE PEACE

### CALL TO OFFERING

Laura Harper Powell

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.



### SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn*

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### DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY

**ALL: 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**

## FAITH BLOSSOMS

### BIBLE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Laura Harper Powell

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

*Third graders receive their Bibles*

Young people are invited to join the leader near the children's area at this time.

**DISCIPLES' LIVES BEAR FRUIT****INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP**

*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.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*For Everyone Born*

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(please feel free to pray in the language of your heart)*  
*(English)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name**  
**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**  
**Give us this day our daily bread**  
**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**  
**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and glory forever. Amen**

*(Ga)*

**Wotše ní yo ñwei ogbei le he atše; omañtšeyeli le aba; áfe noni osumoo ye šikpoñ le no, take afeo ye ñwei le; hāwo ñmene wodā-ñmā; ni oke wonyōdsī le akewo, tamo boni wo hū woke-keo mei ní hīewo nyōdsī le; ni okewo akaya kā le mli, sī dšiemowo ke-dše efōñ le mli. Amen.**

*All are welcome to come to the table to receive the gluten free bread and grape juice of the sacrament.*

**CLOSING SONG**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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**BLESSING****ANNOUNCEMENTS****STAFF WORSHIP SUPPORT**

**Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Janet Craswell, Minister of Discipleship**  
**Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, Pastor of Congregational Care**

**Mike Wheaton, Choral Leader**  
**Reggie Moore, Congregational Song Leader**  
**Spencer Tate, Guitar and Hammond organ**  
**Wyatt Mitchell, Drums**  
**Doc Powell, Jembe**  
**Angela Pupino, Student Ministries Coordinator**  
**Juan Santiago, Building Support Team**  
**Greg Denton and Katherine Sanchez, Media Support Team**



## United Methodist Women Sunday 2023

Sunday, September 24

Worship at Metropolitan Memorial and Wesley campuses

Luncheon following the 11 AM services in the, Great Hall, Metropolitan Memorial campus.

- **Next Sunday** we will celebrate the United Methodist Women of National Church. The recently installed Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary Dr. Carla Works, will be guest preaching at Metropolitan Memorial campus's 9:00 and 11:00 am services. In addition to leading the Seminary, Dr. Works teaches New Testament studies. Her research interests include the Pauline epistles, the New Testament's use of Israel's scriptures, biblical ethics, and theological interpretation. She holds a Master's degree from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Following Church Services, we will gather in Metropolitan's Great Hall at 12:30 pm for a fellowship luncheon. Rev. Erica Robinson-Johnson will moderate a panel discussion with Dr. Works, Dr. Lucila Crena (Wesley's first Latinx female professor), and a graduate seminarian student. Everyone (that includes YOU) is welcome!



## *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being*

This October, you are invited to participate in the six-week course, *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being*. The course is designed to help people of faith create healthy relationships with money and bring their financial lives in line with their faith journeys. We will offer *Saving Grace* in-person at the Wesley Campus on Sunday afternoons beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please register in advance so we can order books, [www.nationalchurch.org/saving-grace](http://www.nationalchurch.org/saving-grace). For more information, contact Rev. Janet at [jcraswell@nationalchurch.org](mailto:jcraswell@nationalchurch.org)



## Sunday School Registration!



Please register your children and youth for the 2023-24 Sunday school year. Registration allows us to give our young people a safe and welcoming experience. Use this QR or go to [www.nationalchurch.org/children](http://www.nationalchurch.org/children) to register.



## Jazz@Wesley Presents Verny Varela September 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

September is Latin Jazz Month at Jazz@Wesley, and Verny Varela is coming for a visit. A flutist, songwriter, and vocalist, Varela is one of DC's most popular Latin talents. Born in Cali and raised in the "Barrio Obrero," Varela started singing and playing with his father's band, "El Nuevo Son." Now, he tours the world with his energetic and joyful musical renditions of Latin jazz favorites and original compositions. Varela is also a professor at Howard University.

Latin Jazz Month  
**VERNY VARELA**



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