



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

JUNE 4, 2023
PRIDE SUNDAY

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

WELCOMING MUSIC *The Garden of Eden: IV. Through Eden's Gates* Junghoon Park, piano
William Bolcom

*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 Pastor Doug Robinson-Johnson and Angela Pupino

Voice I: We are part of the Church universal - faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation, age, and ability, gathered to love and serve God.

Voice II: We are a Reconciling Church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

All: **There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Straight!**

Voice I: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: **May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.**

OPENING HYMN *Woke Up This Morning* The Faith We Sing 2082

SCRIPTURE READING (read responsively)

Mark 10:2-4	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!
Mark 10:13-14	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!
Mark 8:1-3	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!
Matthew 22-23	Church, what do you say?	We will send no one away!

RESPONSE: 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.

ANTHEM	<i>“You Are Welcome Here”</i> by Mark Burrows.	Children’s Choir Directors Jacob Barker, Katelyn Neuman
CHILDREN’S TIME	Angela Pupino <i>Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps, exiting to Children’s Choir afterward.</i>	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Gospel Changes”	Rev. Wendy Tate, guitar
SERMON	Rev. Wendy Tate	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“All Are Welcome” vs. 1-3</i>	
HOLY COMMUNION	Rev. Wendy Tate and Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston	
CLOSING HYMN	<i>“All Are Welcome” vs. 4,5</i>	
BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION	Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson	
POSTLUDE	Junghoon Park, piano	

Please join us at 10 am after worship to welcome our new 9 am Director of Music, Rev. Grayland Snead, Jr.!

The reception takes place in the Great Hall which is located through the double doors on the right of the Sanctuary and left, down the hall.

Reconciling Statement

We celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all.

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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.

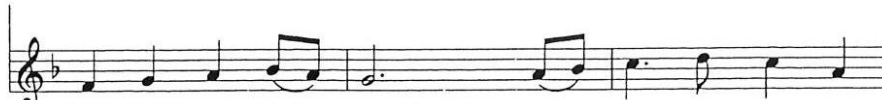
ALL ARE WELCOME

Verses

Melody



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their




1. all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
2. words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
3. wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
4. yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
5. songs and vi - sions heard And loved and trea - sured,



1. chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give. Built of
2. dare to seek To dream God's reign a - new. Here the
3. ho - ly, ground, Where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
4. serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the
5. taught and claimed As words with - in the Word. Built of



1. hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of
2. cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's
3. love of God, through Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and
4. out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's
5. tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of



1. grace; Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
2. grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
3. space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
4. face; Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5. grace, Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

Refrain



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome Rev. Grayland Snead, Jr.!

Today Rev. Snead begins leadership as the 9am Director of Music for National United Methodist Church! He has over 17 years of experience at all educational levels, both public and private in music education to include: Mary Baldwin University (AVP) Choir Director, Artistic Director for (S.P.A.R.C) School of The Performing Arts Richmond Community, Richmond Public Schools All City Choir Conductor, Accompanist, Department Head, Lead Teacher, New Teacher Mentor, Homebound instructor and Coach. As Rev. Snead claims leadership of the 9am Worship music program here, he will continue as Choral Director at School Without Walls at Francis Stevens in Washington DC. In his moments of leisure, he enjoys spending quality time with his two teenage sons, Tristan and Aidan.



Welcome Table Volunteers Needed Red Cross Blood Drive June 7th

National UMC partners with the Red Cross to save lives through Blood Drives. But you don't need to donate (or go near) blood to help – we are looking for volunteers to staff the check-in table and welcome the donors. Our next Blood Drive is June 7th from 9-3pm at the Metropolitan Memorial Campus, and volunteers can work morning or afternoon shifts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact communications@nationalchurch.org



Vacation Bible School

Join us for Changemakers Lab, the Vacation Bible School where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world!

June 26-30, 9 AM-noon Metropolitan Memorial Campus

Children ages 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to participate as campers.

Middle school and high school students are welcome to be junior counselors.

\$25 per camper/ \$10 per junior counselor

\$60 max per family

Register today. Spaces are limited! www.nationalchurch.org/vbs



Welcome Rev. Neal Christie!

Executive Minister of Connected Engagement Baltimore Washington Conference

Guns and Our Cultures Guns and Gun Violence

June 11, 2023, Metropolitan Campus 9 am and 11 am - Discussion Time 10 am

Neal is the author of [“Justice in Everyday Life”](#) , [“Thinking Theologically About Have and Have Nots”](#) and the video series available online, [“Living our Principles”](#) . Neal organizes legislative action focused on creation care, gun violence prevention, housing equity, immigration, voting rights, and domestic violence. He has taught at Africa University in Zimbabwe and UMC universities in the DRC and Nigeria and led workshops across countries in Africa, Europe, Eurasia and Russia, and the Philippines as well as Brazil and Mexico. Neal served as a trauma hospital chaplain and local church pastor starting in 1990. He attended Yale University Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, the American University School of International Service, and undertook doctoral coursework at Wesley Theological Seminary.

How do we unite faith with action? Come hear this author, teacher, and traveler as he explores our culture of guns and the increasing violence caused by them.

