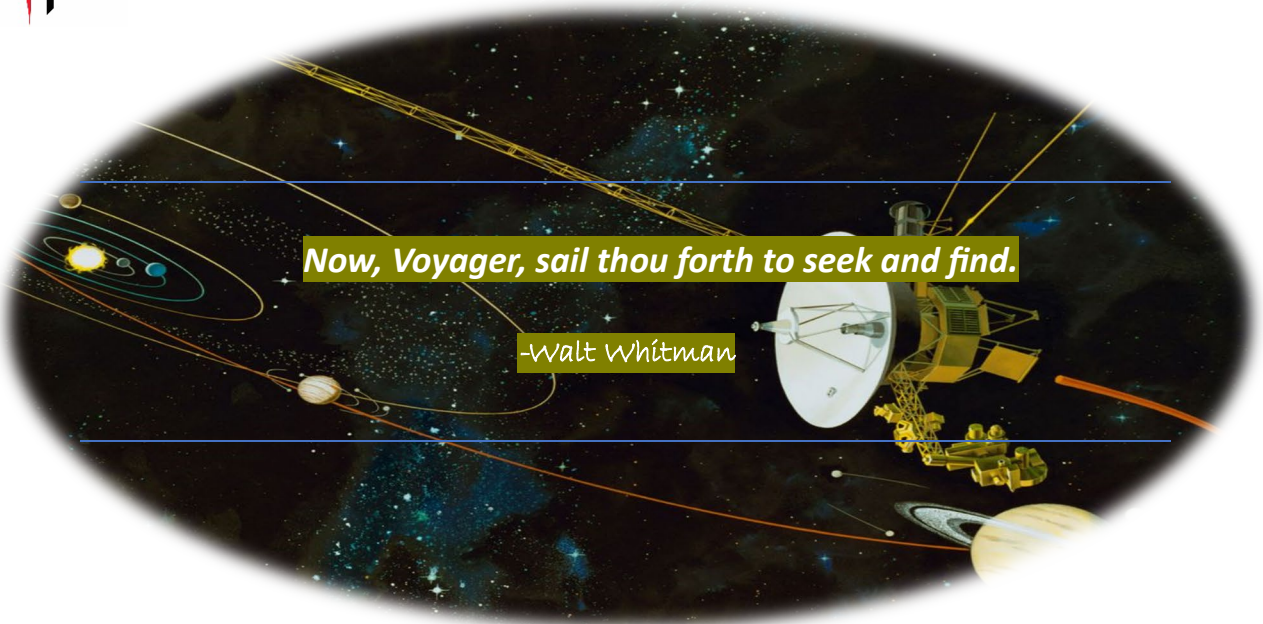




NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

August 20th 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.

FAITH COMES TO US AS SEED

PRELUDE and PRAISE

Come On In This House

Wesley Choir

WELCOME

SONG of PRAISE

If It Had Not Been for the Lord

Faith We Sing 2053

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Paula Pree

SHARING the PEACE

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston



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

Nothing More
By Eric Donnelly & Tim Warren

Wesley Choir
Paul Pree, solo

DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY

UMH 95

**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

Luke 13:6-9, 21:29-31

Laura Harper Powell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

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

SERMON

The Purpose of Worship: Seek and Find
Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

DISCIPLES' LIVES BEAR FRUIT

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

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

COMMUNION SONG

Taste and See
Israel Houghton

Taste and see that the Lord is good
You've tried everything that you thought you could
Taste and see that His love is real
Open up right now, let your heart be filled **(REPEAT)**

With peace overflowing, joy everlasting
Love so amazing, taste
Life so exciting, hope so inviting
All who are crying to be free
Taste and see, taste and see, taste and see

Taste and see that His word is true
You've been hurt before, He won't lie to you
Oh, taste and see never thirst again
Every broken heart Jesus Christ will mend

With peace overflowing, joy everlasting
Love so amazing, taste
Life so exciting, hope so inviting
All who are crying to be free
Taste and see, taste and see, taste and see

You'll never know 'til you try
You'll never live 'till you die to yourself
And find for yourself that He's good
You'll never see with your eyes
Until your heart realizes that He is all that you need
Taste and see

BLESSING

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paula Pree


CLOSING SONG


Si Tuvieras Fe


Mike Wheaton, *Choral Leader*
Reggie Moore, *Congregational Song Leader*
Spencer Tate, *Guitar and Hammond organ*
Wyatt Mitchell, *Drums*
Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Janet Craswell, *Minister of Discipleship*
Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, *Pastor of Congregational Care*
Angela Pupino, *Student Ministries Coordinator*
Juan Santiago, *Building Support Team*
Greg Denton and Katherine Sanchez, *Media Support Team*

JOIN US TODAY for the Community Meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Blessing of the Backpacks:** On Sunday, August 27 we will bless our children, youth, and teachers as they head back to school. Bring your school backpack to either worship service to receive a blessing tag!

 **3rd Grade Bibles:** At National UMC we give Bibles to our 3rd graders to encourage them on their journey of faith. If you are the parent/guardian of a 3rd grader and have not yet given their name to Rev. Janet, please send it to jcraswell@nationalchurch.org before September 1. We will present 3rd Grade Bibles on Sunday, September 17.

 **Sunday School Registration is open now!** 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 to register. Sunday school for children and youth will begin September 10 at the Metropolitan Memorial Campus.



Upcoming Events – www.nationalchurch.org/event-calendar



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