



A Reconciling Congregation

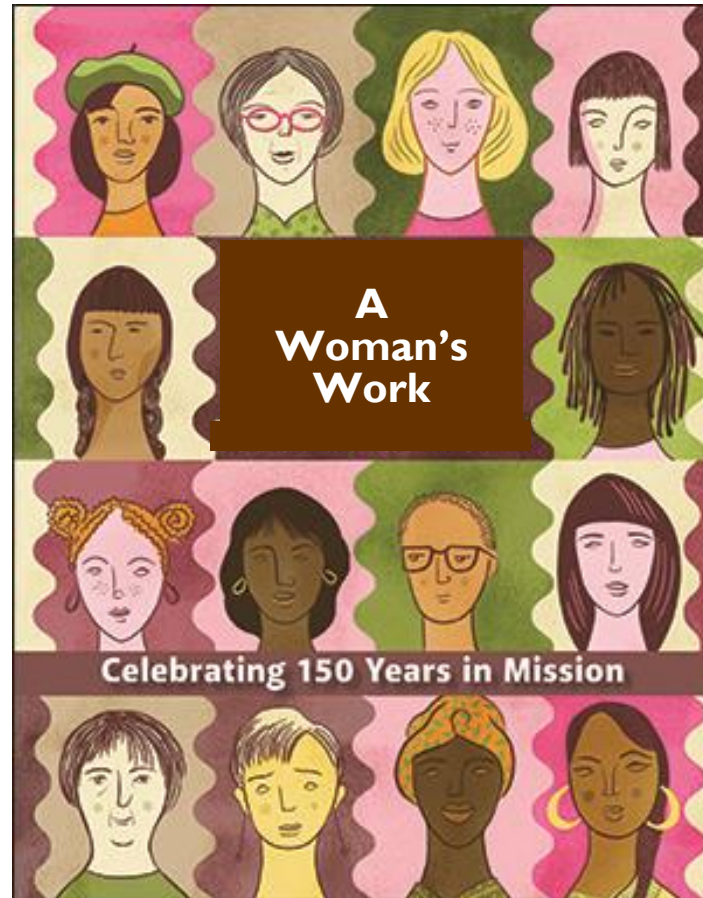
Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

September 16, 2018, at 11:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

United Methodist Women's Sunday



Our Vision:

**Extending radical hospitality,
transforming lives, and pursuing justice.**

Praising Learning Serving Caring Sharing

The 1852 General conference established the National Methodist Church with the original sanctuary built near Capitol Hill and relocated in 1932. Each state, the President, the Vice-President, and the Chief Justice of the U.S. have designated pews. All United Methodists are welcome as Honorary Members of this Church.

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✠ Standing as you are able | **UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS:** Faith We Sing

Prelude: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

J.C. Bach

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome

Rev. Frances Stewart

✠ **Opening Hymn:** *For All the Faithful Women*

Insert

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

✠ **Call to Worship**

Suzanne Vieth

Leader: Eternal God, we have gathered here in your sanctuary this morning as members of your family to worship you as our Living God.

People: **Community-making God, you have called us to be in community with one another.**

Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world.

Community-making God, you have called us to minister to one another.

Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness to your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance and new life.

Community-making God, you have called us to witness to one another.

Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story in ever new ways: that Jesus has come so that all may know life in all its fullness.

Community-making God, you have called us to love one another.

ALL: Let our ministry, our witness, and our love be a memorial, an everlasting sign, a legacy for the future, so that all our efforts to put faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth will be realized in our world – both now and in the future. Amen.

Scripture Reading

PSALM 112: 1-9 [read and sung responsively]

Alice Sartain

UMH 833

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

Please register your attendance and pass the black book to the side aisle.

Offertory: *Let the Life I Live Speak for Me*

Gwyneth Walker

Combined Women's Choir

Let the life I've lived speak for me.

Let the life I've lived speak for me.

When I come to the end of this road,

And I lay down my heavy load,

Let the life I've lived speak for me.

Let the friends I've made speak for me . . .

Let the work I've done speak for me . . .

Let the love I've shared speak for me . . .

✠ **Doxology:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Alice Sartain

LUKE 8: 1-3

Sermon: "A Woman's Work"

Lucinda Kent

Pastor, Van Buren United Methodist Church
and NUMC's Director of Operations

Musical Response: *God of the Women*

Insert

Prayers of the People

Suzanne Vieth

The Great Thanksgiving

**Invitation to Holy Communion
and Confession**

Rev. Frances Stewart
UMH 12 (spoken responses)

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 430

UMH 399

Prayer of Response

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

✠ **Closing Hymn:** *Forth in Thy Name*

UMH 438

✠ **Benediction**

Lucinda Kent

Postlude: *Fantasia, 2ND MOVEMENT*

G.P. Telemann

Worship Leaders for this service include members of
NUMC's UNITED METHODIST WOMEN,
Women of the **Dayspring & Chancel Choirs,**
Nevin Bender and **Melissa Chávez,** keyboards.

United Methodist Women



“United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

Prayer Ministry Team

If you have a prayer request, contact **Rev. Frances Stewart**,
Minister of Congregational Care, at fstewart@nationalchurch.org.

Pastoral Emergency Number: (202) 510-8555



Sunday, September 16, 2018

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

To learn more about us, please visit our web site, at:
www.nationalchurch.org

Visitors and Guests, Welcome!

Hearing Assistance

Personal hearing assistance units are available at the rear of the Church in the **Narthex**, or from an usher.

Parents of Young Children

There is a nursery for children five and under in Room 102.

There is also a baby-friendly area in the **Phillips Chapel**.

There is a diaper changing station in the bathroom in Room 102.

Coffee Hour

Each week, we host a time of refreshment and fellowship in the **Great Hall** (to the left as you leave the Sanctuary) between our two services, at 10:00 AM. Please join us. We look forward to meeting you!

Nametags

To order one, please print your name on the list found in the **Library**, where the finished nametags may be picked up.

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to our newsletter, *The Messenger*, on our web site:
nationalchurch.org. If you would like to request a printed copy to be mailed, call 202-363-4900, ext. 113.

Sunday School

Children's Ministry

Little Wonders (3-4 year olds): Room 101

Godly Players (Kindergarten-First Grade): Room 200

Joyful Spirits (Grades 2 & 3): Room 202

Bible Explorers (Grade 4): Room 203

Godly Play encourages children to embrace a sense of wonder in the presence of God through sharing Bible stories.

Young Disciples (Grade 5): Room 201

Contact: **Rev. Janet Craswell**, jcraswell@nationalchurch.org

Youth Ministry

Middle School: Room 204

Our Middle School youth follow the Bible-in-Life curriculum, walking them through important Biblical stories.

High School: Room 206

Our High School youth participate in regular discussions shaped by their lives and current events.

Contact: **Patrick Landau**, plandau@nationalchurch.org

Adult Study

Inspired Parenting: at 10:20 AM in the Great Hall, **NEW MEETING SPACE!**

Open to parents with kids of all ages, this class offers a safe space to share parenting challenges and joys.

Contact: **Elizabeth Burks**, elizabeth.burks@gmail.com

Questions of Faith: at 10:05 AM, in the Conference Room

Lecture and discussion group that looks at personal faith and current issues. This Fall, we will be discussing "Thinking About Religion and Violence."

Contact: **Diane Moody**, billanddianemoody@comcast.net

Science & Religion Class: at 10:05 AM in the Parlor

A weekly discussion of various topics considering the consonance between Christian faith and the latest advances in science.

Contacts: **Maynard Moore**, emaynard8@yahoo.com

or **Kent Weaver**, kenthweaver@gmail.com

In the Biblical Sense: at 10:05 AM, in the Library

In this class, we explore what we know (and don't know) about the Bible.

This Fall we will explore passages from the GOSPELS, the letters of PAUL, and the books of PROVERBS and ECCLESIASTES.

Contact: **Bob Olson**, robob675@gmail.com