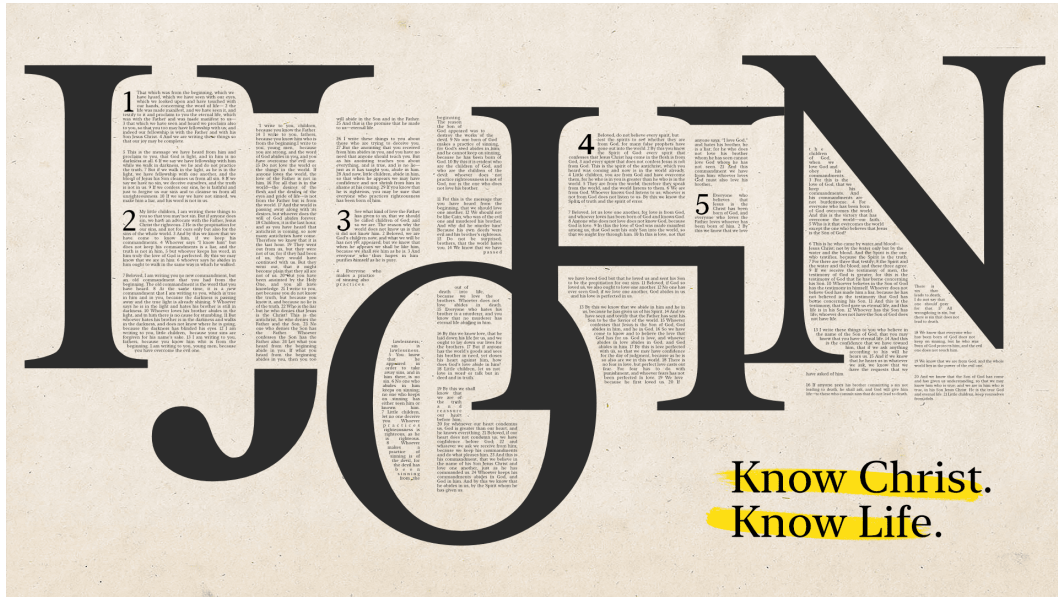




**WESLEY CAMPUS**  
 5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
 Washington, D.C.

**NATIONAL**  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**APRIL 21, 2024**



**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 welcome cards today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.*

**www.nationalchurch.org | (202) 363-4900 | communications@nationalchurch.org**  
**Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!**

\* Standing as you are able

**PRELUDE** *Come On In This House* Wesley Choir

**WELCOME** Rev. Janet Craswell

**\*SONG of PRAISE** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* TFWS 2112

**\* PASSING the PEACE** Paula Pree

**CALL TO OFFERING** Rev. Janet Craswell

We support the life of this church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Ushers will receive our attendance sheets, prayer requests, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



**OFFERTORY** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Wesley Choir  
*TFWS 2146*

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Faith, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY**

**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.**

**BIBLE LESSON** 1 John 3:16 - 24 Colin Davies

**SERMON** Rev. Janet Craswell

## INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

HOLY COMMUNION

*Morning Has Broken*

UMH 145

*All are invited to receive the gluten-free bread and juice of communion.*

**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.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

\*CLOSING SONG

*Friend of God*

**Who am I that You are mindful of me That You hear me when I call  
Is it true that You are thinking of me How You love me it's amazing**

**I am a friend of God I am a friend of God I am a friend of God  
He calls me friend**

**God Almighty, Lord of Glory You have called me friend**

**I am a friend of God I am a friend of God I am a friend of God  
He calls me friend**

BLESSING

Rev. Janet Craswell



### **2024 Worship Survey—LAST DAY**

#### **Share Your Practices and Preferences Regarding Worship Times**

As in previous years, National UMC will adjust its Sunday morning worship schedule for the summer period. This summer worship period is an opportunity to gather input and feedback from the congregation on various schedule options.

If you would like to provide your input, use the QR code.





## Finding God in Scripture - Key Passages from the Gospel of John

Online Beginners' Bible Study - Tuesdays, 6 to 7 pm via Zoom.

Different in style and tone from the three synoptic Gospels, John's Gospel provides a unique angle of vision on Jesus. In April and May, we will focus on key passages from John that offer a unique and distinctive perspective of Jesus's life and ministry.

This is a 101-level experience open to anyone.

No prerequisites. No homework. And no question is too simple or out of bounds.

- Tues. April 23, 6 pm Life Anew: Nicodemus and Lazarus
- Tues. April 30, 6 pm Good Shepherd and True Vine
- Tues. May 7, 6 pm Love One Another As I Have Loved You
- Tues. May 14, 6 pm Farewell
- Tues. May 21, 6 pm The Hour Has Come

### Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 883 4135 5662

Passcode: 563020



## "Both/And" worship study by Greg Denton

April 25<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm on Zoom

**What does vital ministry look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**

This study examines different types of hybrid worship and its importance in the modern church. Purchasing the book is not required for the study but a limited number of copies will be available in the church office. All are welcome to attend!



## Game Night and Potluck, April 28<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Memorial Campus Great Hall | 5-7pm

Join us for an intergenerational evening of board games, cards, food and fellowship. Bring your favorite games and dish to share. This will be an informal chance for families with young children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages to have fun together. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors looking for a place to plug in and find connection in our church community. **Questions, contact [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org).**

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**HARRY APPELMAN TRIO**  
Harry Appelman, Jazz Pianist  
Tommy Cecil, Bass | Tony Martucci, Drums

**Sunday, April 21**  
**3-4 PM**  
**FREE CONCERT**

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