



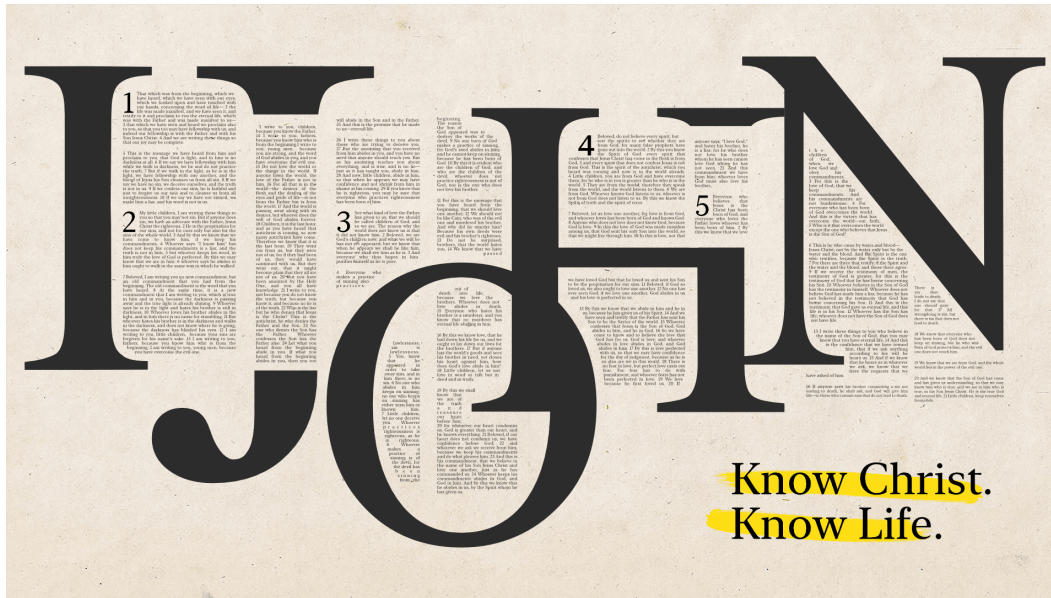
# METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL CAMPUS

4301 Nebraska Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C

NATIONAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00AM Traditional Service

APRIL 24, 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.*

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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!



\* Standing as you are able | **UMH**: United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS**: The Faith We Sing

**VOLUNTARY**      *My Song of Love Unknown* - Rhosymedre      Todd Beckham, organ  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**CENTERING SILENCE**

As chime is sounded, please observe reverent silence  
for a moment in preparation for worship.

**CHORAL INTROIT**      *Where Charity and Love Prevail*      Chancel Choir  
Sternhold and Hopkins Psalter

\***OPENING HYMN**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      UMH 138

**WELCOME**      Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**BAPTISM**      Meera Seghal      UMH pp.34-39

**PSALTER**      Psalm 23      UMH 754  
Cantor – Julian Baldwin

**EPISTLE**      1 John 3:16-24      Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**SUNG RESPONSE**      *Spirit Song*      UMH 347

**INVITATION to OFFERING**

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



**OFFERTORY**      *Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts*      Chancel Choir  
Henry Purcell

**\*DEDICATION**     *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*     UMH 95

**SERMON**     *Strength Finder 4.0*     Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**\*CLOSING HYMN**     *What Wonderful Love is This?*     UMH 292

**\*BENEDICTION**     Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**     *A Gaelic Blessing*     Chancel Choir  
John Rutter

**VOLUNTARY**     *Voluntary in G Major*- Henry Purcell     Todd Beckham, organ



### **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.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting ID: 883 4135 5662**

**Passcode: 563020**

- 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



## “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).**

DC Federation of Musicians

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

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

Wesley United Methodist Church  
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