

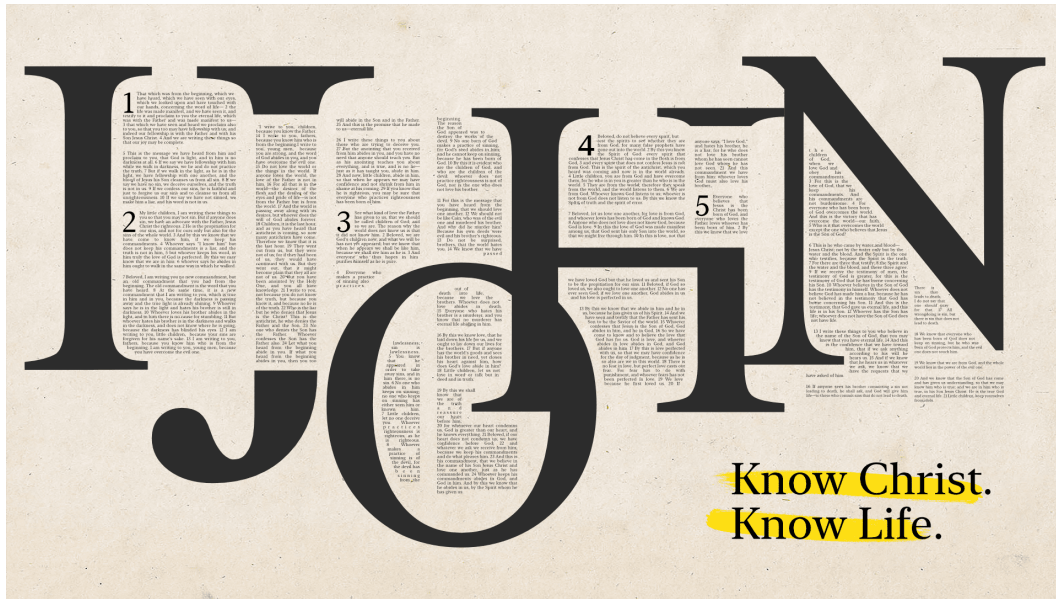


METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL CAMPUS

4301 Nebraska Ave, NW
Washington, D.C

APRIL 21, 2024 | 9:00AM

NATIONAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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!

This service is live-streamed.

Those seated in the rear of sanctuary will remain off-camera.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Oceans – Heather Sorenson

DaySpring Choir

WELCOME

Rev. Janet Craswell

***SONG of PRAISE**

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***PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Janet Craswell

During the prayer, young people will assemble in the Children's Chapel to receive bells to play in a procession to the altar. Children of all ages may participate.

Before being seated all will be invited to extend signs of hospitality to one another.

ENTRANCE of the BELLS

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

CALL to OFFERING

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 ANTHEM *Thou Oh Lord* - Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir DaySpring Choir

***DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks, to the Holy One, give thanks, for God has given Jesus Christ in Love. And now, let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us! Give thanks! Give thanks!

Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps,
exiting to Children's Choir afterward.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24

Suzanne Veith

MESSAGE

Strength Finder 4.0

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP**

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

Baptismal Chapel—Pray for Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC Delegates to General Conference

CLERGY

Ianther Mills

Joe Daniels

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

C. Anthony Hunt

Giovanni Arroyo

Sarah Schlieckert

LAITY

Cynthia Taylor

Melissa Lauber

Ken Ow

Daniel Colbert

Sarah Ford

Chris Schlieckert

Altar--Receive prayer from a pastor on the right or pray in silence on the left.

Seated and Online---"What is General Conference" video will be shown. How will you engage the work of this assembly in the next two weeks and in the months that follow?

***LORD'S PRAYER**

TFWS Back Cover

CLOSING SONG

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

***BLESSING**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***DEPARTING in JOY**

Please join us for refreshments in the Great Hall and join a small group discussion in library, office suite, or Christie Room at 10am



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 25th | 7-8pm on Zoom

What does vital ministry look like in the 21st 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 28th

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.**

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

Sunday, April 21
3-4 PM
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