



# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

October 22 at 11:00 AM



*“Gain all you can...Save all you can...Give all you can.”*

---John Wesley

## Making the Love of God Obvious!

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### 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.*

[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org) | (202) 363-4900 | [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

**PRELUDE** *Lento from A Little Organ Book - Frank Bridge* Todd Beckham, organist

**WORDS of WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

✠ **CONFESSION** Unison

**God of Grace,  
we know that you have chosen us,  
but we often forget that you have also chosen others.  
You call us to be imitators of Christ,  
yet many times we are imitators of the world.  
You challenge us to turn from our idols,  
but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again.**

**Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves.  
Show us your way.  
Guide our every action,  
that we may live as you call us to live.**

✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

✠ **EXCHANGE SIGNS of RECONCILIATION**

And now, since God has forgiven us in Christ let us share Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all...

**RESPONSE IN SONG**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!** (Refrain of UMH 160)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**HYMN of HOPE**

*What Does the Lord Require*

UMH 441

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22: 15-22

**RESPONSE in SONG**

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!*

**SERMON**

*Labor of Love*

Rev. Janet Craswell

**INVITATION to OFFERING**

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**

*Pray That Jerusalem*  
Charles Villiers Stanford

Chancel Choir

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity;  
let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.  
Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,  
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.  
Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes,  
peace be to thee, I'll say;  
and for the house of God our Lord  
I'll seek thy good alway.

(Scottish Psalter, 1650)

**DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

✠ **CLOSING HYMN**


*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Janet Craswell

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **UMW Pre-Bazaar Jewelry Sales TODAY**  
**8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
Metropolitan Memorial Campus  
Christie Room (G-4)



## UMW Bazaar

Friday, November 3  
12 noon to 7 pm  
&  
Saturday, November 4  
9 am to 4 pm

Great Hall, Metropolitan  
Memorial campus

## All Saints Sunday

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

We will be honoring all those we have lost in the last year. If you would like to honor a specific person or persons, we ask that you send their name(s) and picture to us at [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

## Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Sundays at 1PM**

Metropolitan Memorial Campus sanctuary

**All who like to make music are welcome! There is a place for you!**



## Staff-Parish Relations Committee Clergy Evaluation Survey

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) of National United Methodist Church invites YOUR feedback for the annual evaluation of our clergy. While this vital process is the responsibility of the SPRC, we recognize that the congregation's input greatly enriches the feedback we can provide.

There are 3 ways for you to participate:

1. Complete online survey. <https://nationalchurch.org/sprc>
2. Send an email to [SPRC@nationalchurch.org](mailto:SPRC@nationalchurch.org).
3. Communicate directly with a member of SPRC via email, a written note, or phone

### SPRC Members

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Brian Boyle    | 2. MeLisa Creamer         |
| 3. Paula Pree     | 4. Belva Newsome          |
| 5. Barbara Tate   | 6. Elizabeth Burks        |
| 7. Phil Potter    | 8. Marsha Matthews        |
| 9. Connie Sommers | 10. Carissa Moffat-Miller |

**SPRC is accepting input from the congregation through Wednesday, 10/25.**

**Please email [SPRC@nationalchurch.org](mailto:SPRC@nationalchurch.org) or contact Brian Boyle with any questions.**

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