



SEPTEMBER 7 - 21

VISION

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

WELCOME

Foundry United Methodist Church has been serving downtown Washington, D.C. and the wider world since 1814. Foundry is a Reconciling Congregation, affirming the call of the gospel of Jesus Christ to be in ministry with all people of all races, gender identities, sexualities, ages, immigration status, and physical conditions. We are all on a spiritual journey and we want you to feel welcome here. Please visit foundryumc.org to find more information about our congregation, submit prayer requests, and let us know you've been with us in worship today.

REFERENCES TO GOD

References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God. You are also invited to sing hymns and speak parts of the services, such as the Lord's Prayer, in your native tongue.

CARE AND PRAYER

Please fill out the Prayer Request online at foundryumc.org/prayer. Our prayer team will follow up with you. You will have the option for your request to be kept confidential, or if you'd prefer for it to be shared.

SINGING WITH US

OUR HYMNALS:

UMH — United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS — The Faith We Sing (Black)

AAHH – African American Heritage Hymnal (on cart as you enter the sanctuary)

THE APPEARANCE OF + INDICATES THAT YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE, AS YOU ARE ABLE.



Hearing assistance devices can be found at the sound desk in the sanctuary.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Foundry offers a variety of childcare and worship options for our youngest congregants every Sunday! Children of all ages are welcome to join their families in the Sanctuary at both the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services. Before the sermon, a servant leader will invite children (pre-K through 5th grade) to attend a special Children's Worship. They will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary during the Offertory/Last Hymn.

Sunday School **begins September 14th** for pre-K through 6th grade Sunday School starts at 10:10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. (pick up between 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.), in the following classrooms located in the upstairs Education Wing:

- 204 – PreK3-Kindergarten • 206 – 1st & 2nd Grade • 208 – Firewalker Kids
- 205 – 3rd & 4th Grade • 207 – 5th & 6th Grade

Nursery care is available for infants up to 2 years old from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers near the Community Commons will help you find the Child Care Center or your child's Sunday School class.

ONLINE PARTICIPATION

If you are worshipping with us virtually today, we invite you to gather the following items:

- A candle and, if needed, a way to light it.
- A bowl or vessel of water.
- Your preferred Bible or Bible app.

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WE ARE ON NATIVE LAND

When we gather for worship and ministry on the corner of 16th and P, we do so upon the sacred, traditional, and unceded lands of the Anacostan, Massawomack, Susquehanock, Piscataway, and Pomunkey peoples, who were forcibly removed from them to allow for English settlement. As occupiers of their territory, we recognize them as the original and perpetual stewards of this land and gratefully acknowledge our responsibility for a more honest recounting of our history that empowers us to work for the thriving of all people.

STAYING SAFE AT FOUNDRY

Foundry is committed to protecting the safety of all persons at our church. Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy — establishing procedures for the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable persons — can be found at foundryumc.org/safe. Our Nut and Allergy Safety Policy can be found at foundryumc.org/allergies.

VISION!

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections. In this new season, God is calling United Methodists around the globe to embody this vision as we grow and form disciples, develop Christ-like leaders, stand in solidarity with the poor and the most vulnerable, and seek health and wholeness for all people and creation. This short series will explore and celebrate the new vision of the UMC. Join us as we deepen our commitment to love, serve, and lead!

This event is being photographed and recorded. Please be advised that by entering this worship space, you agree to be filmed and/or photographed, and the resulting assets may be used for Foundry UMC promotional purposes. Should you wish not to be photographed or recorded on video, please notify one of the clergy members.

9 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICES

Welcome

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

+Hymn AAHH #291

Frederick Whitfield

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

Verses 1, 3 & 4

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call to Prayer AAHH #127

Hugh Wilson

FATHER, I STRETCH MY HANDS TO THEE

Verses 1 & 4

Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

Scripture Reading

Caitlin Briere

1 JOHN 4:16B-21; LUKE 10:25-37

One Voice: Receive what the Spirit is saying

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Keith Hampton

MY GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

LOVE BOLDLY

Offertory

Kealani Willbanks

Music at the Offertory

Robert Ray

KYRIE & GLORIA, FROM GOSPEL MASS

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please turn to page 7 in your worship guide.

Music During Communion

Robert Ray

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD), FROM GOSPEL MASS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ben Roberts

Thank you, holy God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the fruits of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

+Hymn AAHH #292

*Coronation Tune, Oliver Holden,
descant arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.*

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Verse 1, 3, Interlude, 4

+Benediction

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude AAHH #686

Traditional, arr. Jimmie Abbington

LET US BREAK BREAD

Individual Prayer

If you are in need of individual prayer, you're invited to pray with a member of our Sunday Prayer Team at the front of the Sanctuary.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Ben Roberts

God, we confess that our patience is often short and our anger long-lasting. We forget who and whose we are, pressured by the powers of this world to value judgement over grace, hatred over love, and division over beloved community. Forgive us we pray! Liberate us from things which divide and destroy. Free us to live as witnesses to the power of your Love. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Pardon

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

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

Many Voices: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

+The Peace

Ben Roberts

One Voice: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Many Voices: And also with you.

+The Great Thanksgiving

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli
and Ben Roberts

We will sing Communion responses
by James Kriewald , UMH #19, 20
Anthony Anderson, cantor

One Voice: The Lord be with you.

Many Voices: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One Voice: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Many Voices: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One Voice: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many Voices: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One Voice: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Many Voices: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father,
who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

**YOUR GENEROSITY
SHAPES FOUNDRY'S
FUTURE**



11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICES

Prelude

Flor Peeters

TRUMPET TUNE
Jon Kalbfleisch, organ

Welcome

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

+Hymn UMH #139

Erneuten Gesangbuch, harm.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call to Prayer UMH #138

Henry Baker, Irish Melody

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Verses 1 & 6

Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

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Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

Epistle

Susan Gundling

1 JOHN 4:16B – 21

+Sung Response UMH #647

M. Lee Suitor

YOUR LOVE, O GOD, HAS CALLED US HERE
Verse 1

+Gospel Reading

Susan Gundling

LUKE 10:25–37

One Voice: Recieve what the Spirit is saying.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

*Children pre-kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to depart for
Children's Worship.*

Anthem

Hyfrodol Tune, arr. Mack Wilberg
LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Sermon

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

LOVE BOLDLY

Offertory

Kealani Willbanks

Music at the Offertory

Ralph Vaughan Williams
O CLAP YOUR HANDS

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please turn to page 7 in your worship guide.

Music During Communion

UMH #111

Trad. English Melody

HOW CAN WE NAME A LOVE

Anthem

Spiritual, arr. John Miller

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

UMH #475

Ralph Vaughan Williams

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ben Roberts

Thank you, holy God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the fruits of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

+Hymn UMH #384

Charles Wesley, John Zundel

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

+Benediction

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude

Flor Peeters

TOCCATA

Jon Kalbfleisch, organ

Individual Prayer

Members of the Foundry Prayer Ministry Team are available after services at the front of the Sanctuary for one-on-one prayer.

Foundry will be releasing a new **rapid response text messaging service** to help us connect with you in real time. To opt in to receive messages, text the word **foundry** to **(202) 858-1040**.

In the event of a weather-related closing or an unexpected change to a service or event, we will send you a text message directly. This service is a quick and efficient way for us to share important, timely information. Look for more details in the coming days.

Please note that this service will be used for urgent announcements only. For our regular updates, news, and events, please continue to check our website, social media, and weekly newsletter.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

JOIN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM SEPTEMBER 13

Family Ministries is recruiting Teachers and Substitutes for the 2025-2026 Program Year! If you love helping children grow in faith, building community, and sharing God's love, we'd love for you to join us. Whether you can serve regularly or step in as a sub when needed, your presence makes a difference! Training will be held on **Saturday, September 13**. With Sunday School Classes for our children and youth beginning on September 14th! For more information or to sign up, contact Natalie Harvey at nharvey@foundryumc.org

FAMILY MINISTRIES OPEN HOUSE!

Families of children in **PreK3-6th grade** are invited to our Family Ministries Open House as we begin a new year of Sunday School! **Join us on Saturdays, September 6th and 13th, from 11:00AM to 12:30PM**. Refreshments will be provided. Located upstairs in the Norman & Frances Prince Fellowship Hall.

Firewalker Kids Sunday School Class

This class is a Christian education option offered for 4 to 12-year-old children living with neurodiversity or intellectual disability as well as peers who are more typically developing.

JCC Teen Kickoff —Today at 1 PM!

The DC Jewish Community Center: Youth Action Institute is hosting a "Youth Kickoff" with an ice cream bar, games, and a service project—decorating birthday bags for Food & Friends. This Sunday, 1:00 PM (Sept 7) all Youth are welcome to come with Foundry Youth leaders or with their family. It's a great way to connect across faith communities. To RSVP: Please use this link to RSVP: foundryumc.org/jcc-teen-kickoff

FIND YOUR CIRCLE

INTERFAITH BOOK CLUB: EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH YOUR FAVORITE COMICS SEPTEMBER

Embark on a heroic journey at **Fantom Comics located at 2010 P St. NW, Washington D.C. 20036, on September 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, where our Interfaith Book Club will delve into *Saint Young Men*. Together, we'll **explore themes of hope, sacrifice, and unity from various faith perspectives**. Share your insights, learn from others, and celebrate the power of storytelling in a welcoming community.

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK: OLD TESTAMENT

Explore the foundational stories and enduring wisdom of the Hebrew Bible in our 12-week **Disciple Fast Track: Old Testament** course. This engaging study offers a sweeping overview of the Old Testament, helping participants connect ancient scripture with their lived faith today. Two session options are available: **Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. beginning September 16 or Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. beginning September 18**. Whether you're new to Bible study or returning for deeper insight, this course provides space for thoughtful reflection, learning, and community.

Register at foundryumc.org/fast-track-morning for the morning sessions and foundryumc.org/fast-track-evening for the evening sessions.

THE JESUS CHALLENGE SEPTEMBER 14

21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor is a journey that helps us become more attentive to our relationship with God and others. Through daily reflections and weekly conversations, we'll move from forgetfulness to remembering, from distraction to intentionality, and from self-sufficiency to God-reliance—discovering what it means to love God and love others as ourselves. **Join Doug Steele and others beginning September 14, at 10:10 a.m. in Room 203.** Bring an open heart and see where this journey leads.

Register at foundryumc.org/jesus-challenge

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 14

This six-week class will engage the social teachings of the United Methodist Church as a way of deepening our Christian commitment to loving God and loving neighbor. We will listen deeply and reflect together on topics including creation care, economic justice, community life, peace, and human rights. Taught by Jessie Smith and Jonathan Brown, **in Room B2, at 10:10 a.m., starting on September 14.** Registration is coming soon.

DISCIPLE: INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD SEPTEMBER 17

Join Katie Lundy online this fall for a transformative 34-week Bible study experience meeting **Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm**. Participants will journey through the biblical narrative chronologically, guided by theme words, key verses, and engaging explorations of major biblical figures and events.

Register at foundryumc.org/disciple2

JOB-MARK INDEPTH BIBLE STUDY

Foundry is organizing a year-long Disciple-like Bible study for the 2025–2026 school year (**Sept 10, 2025 — May 20, 2026**) designed for folks who have a solid foundation of Bible study through the Disciple Bible Studies or similar studies. Since this is the seventh study in an ongoing journey, we are calling it "Disciple VII" and will focus on the book of Job (Fall/Winter) and the Gospel of Mark (Spring). We will meet **Wednesday evenings 6:30–8 on Zoom**.

Registration link is here: foundryumc.org/job-mark-bible-study

PASTOR'S COFFEE: SEPTEMBER 14

Are you curious about joining Foundry? **Pastor's Coffee** is an opportunity for those who wish to begin the journey toward official membership to meet with our clergy, learn more about our church, and move onto the next steps in A Disciple's Path. You can join us virtually or in person **on September 14 at 10:10 a.m. in room 101**. **New Members "A Disciple's Path" class is on September 21 – November 9**. Register at foundryumc.org/pastors-coffee.

LGBTQIA SMALL GROUP PLANNING SESSION

Join us Sunday, Sept. 14 at 12:30 p.m. for an LGBTQIA+ Small Group interest meeting. We'll shape the group's purpose, meeting schedule, and covenant together. Led by Noah Neiting. Open to LGBTQIA+ folks and allies. Register at foundryumc.org/lgbtqia-planning

THE PHILOSOPHY OF TOLKIEN: OCTOBER 19

The Lord of the Rings has been read and enjoyed by hundreds of millions of people globally. So what makes J.R.R. Tolkien's classic tale so admired? To find out, join Anthony Gaines Cirelli for an 8-week study and discussion of the book, *The Philosophy of Tolkien*, by Dr. Peter Kreeft. **We will meet Sundays from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m. in Room 203 beginning October 19. Registration coming soon.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

SACRED RESISTANCE – NOW IS THE TIME!

The Sacred Resistance team educates, organizes, and empowers the Foundry community for advocacy and public witness addressing various social justice issues we are facing at both the local and national levels. **This team is crucial in the current climate.** Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m., in person or online. If you would like to join this team, email sacredresistance@foundryumc.org

WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK- ART & DEMOCRACY FUNDRAISER

The WIN fundraiser is just around the corner, we'd love to see you there. In trying times, art, dialogue, and community are powerful and beautiful tools of resistance.

When: Thursday, September 11, 2025, 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, 1518 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

The event will feature an art exhibit showcasing the work of local artists Jonathan Botts, Elaine S. Wilson, Dr. Sabiyha Prince, and Melvin Nesbitt, Jr.

How to participate: Please purchase a ticket and join us; make a donation to WIN; or sponsor a ticket for one of WIN's community partners. Purchase your tickets at foundryumc.org/win-art-fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

FALL GREAT DAY OF SERVICE OCTOBER 18

Join us on **Saturday, October 18, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Foundry's Fall Great (Green) Day of Service.** Sign up to do direct environmental service with your Foundry friends and put your faith into action! Register at foundryumc.org/gdos.

CONTEMPLATIVE HALF DAY RETREAT NOVEMBER 1

Ground yourself in sacred community as we prepare to enter the holiday season. This half-day retreat will include centering prayer, meditation, journaling, and more. Register at foundryumc.org/contemplative-retreat.

FOUNDATIONS FOR SACRED RESISTANCE NOVEMBER 9

Biblical Roots of Sacred Resistance led by Pastor Ben Roberts and members of the Sacred Resistance team, on **Sunday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m.** Join as we explore the biblical roots of sacred resistance. Lunch will be provided, and registration is coming soon.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 7

This Stephen Ministries- hosted Prayer Workshop provides an opportunity to connect and pray together in community. All are welcome, whether you're looking to deepen your prayer life, find encouragement, or share hope in difficult times. We hope you'll be part of this meaningful experience. Join us in **room 203 at 12:30 p.m.** Register at foundryumc.org/prayer-workshop

CARING ASSERTIVENESS BOOK STUDY: OCT. 5 – NOV. 9

The Stephen Ministry invites you to discover practical ways of relating in a variety of care situations. This study will equip the reader to enter challenging relationships with greater confidence. This book discussion will be led by Ella Cleveland. Start October 5 through November 9 at 10:10 a.m. in the Davenport Center. Join the group at foundryumc.org/caring-assertiveness

WORKSHOP ON AGING: NOVEMBER 16

Join the Care and Stephen Ministry for a workshop addressing the challenges of aging on **November 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 203.** The session will cover a variety of topics both for aging individuals and those caring for them. Register at foundryumc.org/workshop-aging

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.
POTLUCK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

FOUNDRYUMC.ORG

Join us for Foundry's second annual **Homecoming Potluck on Sunday, September 28!** At 10 AM, there will be a single worship service celebrating 15 years of marriage equality and 30 years as a reconciling congregation. We will gather afterward in the Frances and Norman Prince Fellowship Hall for good food and fellowship.

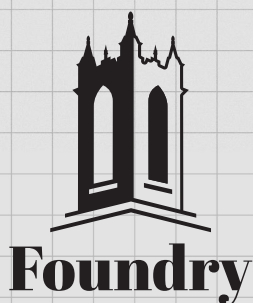
We'll also share exciting information about new ways to give as Foundry begins its year-round approach to stewardship



Check in!



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