



SEPTEMBER 7 - 21

VISION

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.



SEPTEMBER 14, 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 – 1st & 2nd Grade
- 206 – PreK3-Kindergarten
- 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

Ben Roberts

Gathering in God's Love

Choral: Stayed on Jesus *arr. Jan Marvyn Youngblood*

Collective: AAHH #108 This Is the Day *Les Garrett*

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

Jackie Wright

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.**

Offertory

Ed Crump

Music at the Offertory

Mark Miller

GAUDEAMUS HODIE (LET US REJOICE TODAY)

Scripture Reading

Justin Dalrymple

PSALM 100; JOHN 13:12-17

One Voice: Receive 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

Robert Ray

CREDO (I BELIEVE IN GOD), FROM GOSPEL MASS
Lorree Slye, soprano

Sermon

Ben Roberts

SERVE JOYFULLY

Response to the Word AAHH #105

Andrae Crouch

BLESS THE LORD
Refrain

Ministry Moment

Heather Cogdell

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

+Hymn AAHH #142

William Bradbury

HE LEADETH ME
Verse 1

+Benediction

Ben Roberts

+Postlude AAHH #110

Elizabeth Goodine

PRAISE YOU

11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICES

Prelude

John Stanley

VOLUNTARY

Jon Kalbfleisch, organ

Welcome

Ben Roberts

+Hymn UMH #75

Old 100th tune, attr. Louis Bourgeois

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Ministry Moment

Heather Cogdell

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call to Prayer UMH #617

The Southern Harmony,
Charles Webb

I COME WITH JOY
Verse 1

Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

Jackie Wright

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
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Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

Scripture Reading

Cathey O'Sullivan

PSALM 100

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

Verse 1

+Scripture Reading

Cathey O'Sullivan

JOHN 13:12-17

One Voice: Recieve what the Spirit is saying.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

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Anthem

William Mathias

LET THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE, O GOD

Sermon

Ben Roberts

SERVE JOYFULLY

Response to the Word UMH #451

harm. Carlton Young

BE THOU MY VISION

Verse 1

Offertory

Ed Crump

Music at the Offertory *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

O QUAM GLORIOSUM EST REGNUM

Text: O how glorious is Thy Kingdom, in which all the saints rejoice with Christ.
Rejoice all saints, clad in white robes. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

+Doxology UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ who's power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+Hymn UMH #733

Robert Lowry

MARCHING TO ZION

+Benediction

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude

William Mathias

FANFARE

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.

Beginning Sunday, September 14, Foundry's 9 a.m. worship experience will get a refresh! You'll notice some enhancements in worship flow even as we maintain the warm, inviting vibe of this service. It's a work in progress! See you on Sundays!

*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

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP

We are excited to invite our children and youth to take a more active role in our main worship services! Opportunities include reading scripture, serving as ushers, acolytes, communion servers, and more.

Parents and families, please take a moment to fill out our **Children & Youth Participation Survey** so that we can connect your child or youth with opportunities to share their gifts in worship: foundryumc.org/youth-worship-participation

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Starting September 14 during the 10:10 AM Coffee Hour/Sunday School hour, we offer classes for children and youth from PreK 3 through 12th grade—a space for connection, learning, and joy!

Pre K3–6th grade classes – located upstairs in the Education Wing

- PreK3-K in room 206
- 1st & 2nd in room 204
- 3rd & 4th in room 205

- 5th & 6th in room 207
- **NEW CLASS** - Firewalker Kids in room 208
 - *This class is for 4 to 12 yr. old children living with neurodiversity or intellectual disability as well as peers who are more typically developing.*
- Jr. High Sunday School (7th-9th grade) – located Backstage (in the N & F P Fellowship Hall)
- Upperclassmen (10th-12th grade) on *2nd and 4th Sundays* – located in the Youth Room (in the N & F P Fellowship Hall)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation starts September 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Youth Room, for youth 7th grade & up!. Confirmation is a year-long, extra-curricular class offered to youth in the UMC to learn the foundation of the Christian faith, beliefs, and Methodism. The goal is for our youth to make an informed decision towards their own personal commitment to faith by Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday 2026. Class mostly meets twice a month. For more information, please contact our Director of Family Ministries at nharvey@foundryumc.org thank you!

YOUTH STUDENT LEADERS (YSL) — SERVE ON SUNDAYS & EARN HOURS

Need community service hours for school or a college application? Join our **Youth Student Leaders** program. We'll match students with roles that fit their gifts and schedules:

- Hospitality: Help Sunday mornings in the Community Commons/Café, Welcome Desk, or Worship set-up
- Family Ministries: Assist with Children's Worship or be Sunday School support.
- AV Team: Serve in the AV booth (sound, camera, online worship experience, tech set-up, reset & tear down)

How to join: Email Ms. Natalie nharvey@foundryumc.org, with your interest, your grade, and your general availability. We'll set you up with a role and a simple way to track your hours.

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: TODAY

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 today, 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: TODAY

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 today.** Register at foundryumc.org/social-principles

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: TODAY

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 **today 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.** Register at foundryumc.org/philosophy-tolkien

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

SACRED PAUSE MEDITATION – NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Do you need more grounding and fewer distractions? More community and less isolation? Join Foundry's Sacred Pause group, which gathers **every weekday** over Zoom from 8 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **and now every Wednesday at 6 p.m.** to practice meditation and contemplative prayer. It is a beautiful and grounding way to start your day. Register here: foundryumc.org/sacred-pause

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. Register at foundryumc.org/biblical-roots

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

**YOUR GENEROSITY
SHAPES FOUNDRY'S
FUTURE**



GIVE HERE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



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

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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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