



# We're Listening



**August 24, 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](https://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](https://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 offer 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 programming for Family Ministries has ended and now is on summer break. We'd like to thank all of our teachers and parents for an amazing 2024- 2025 Program year. Please join us again for the 2025-2026 program year starting Sunday, September 14! Open House to meet new Sunday School teachers and an informational session for new families will be held Saturdays, Sept. 6 and 13. More information to come!

Nursery care is available today from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. On a 2-service Sunday, 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.

**All music featured on our livestream is used by permission with CCLI License #2668115.**

## 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](https://foundryumc.org/safe). Our Nut and Allergy Safety Policy can be found at [foundryumc.org/allergies](https://foundryumc.org/allergies).

## WE'RE LISTENING

"Receive what the Spirit is saying..." We say this phrase each week in worship following the reading of scripture. It's another way to say, "God is speaking to us in these words. Are you listening? What stirs your heart or your mind by what is read?" In the prayers, the sermons, the music of worship, how is God speaking to you? Listening is so important in our relationships and in our lives of faith.

And this summer, Pastor Ginger and other Foundry preachers are listening to YOU! We asked what you wanted to hear about in sermons and you answered. For weeks, we've been fielding your notes, ideas, ponderings, and inspirations. There are too many to incorporate into just two months, but every sermon in July and August will be in response to what we've received. We're listening! Join us to be part of the summer season in worship. You just might receive something you need to hear!

*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

Jonathan Brown

**+Hymn** AAHH #480

*Sylvana Bell, E. V. Banks,  
arr. Joseph Joubert*

*I AM ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR MY LORD*

*Refrain, Verses 1 & 3*

### Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

Ben Roberts

**Call to Prayer** AAHH #382

*Will Thompson*

*JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME*

*Verse 1*

### Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

Natalie Harvey

*...we ask that you grant us the grace to labor for the things we pray for.*

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

Ben Roberts

### 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

**Scripture Reading**

Clareice Chaney

MATTHEW 4:18-25  
LUKE 5:17-26

One Voice: Receive what the Spirit is saying

**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

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**Anthem**

*Stephanie Oplacio  
and Hezekiah Walker*

AMAZING

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**Sermon**

Jonathan Brown

**INVITED TO INVITE**

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**Offertory**

Ed Crump

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**Music at the Offertory**

*Damian Price*

*HE'S SO FREELY PASSING OUT BLESSINGS*

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**+Doxology AAHH #651**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

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**+Hymn AAHH #639**

*Andrae Crouch*

*GOD BE WITH YOU*

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## **+Benediction**

Jonathan Brown

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## **+Postlude** AAHH #641

*Uzee Brown, Jr*

*BE WITH US ALL, LORD*

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## **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.

## 11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICES

### Welcome

Ben Roberts

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**+Hymn** UMH #102     *Johann Cruger, harm. Felix Mendelssohn*  
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

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### Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

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### Sharing Joys and Concerns

Ben Roberts

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### Call to Prayer UMH #117

*attr. William Croft,  
harm. W. H. Monk*

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST  
*Verses 1 & 2*

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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

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## +Gospel Reading

Parker Low

MATTHEW 4:18-25

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## +Sung Response UMH #572

Kurt Kaiser

PASS IT ON

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## +Gospel Reading

Parker Low

LUKE 5:17-26

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**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

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## Anthem

arr. Moses Hogan

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

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## Sermon

Jonathan Brown

INVITED TO INVITE

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## Offertory

Ed Crump



## Music at the Offertory

Jean Berger

THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE

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### +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!

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### +Hymn UUMH #128

William Bradbury

HE LEADETH ME: O BLESSED THOUGHT

Verses 1, 3 & 4

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### +Benediction

Jonathan Brown

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### +Postlude

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## 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 has a new rapid alert text messaging service to help us connect with you in real time. To opt in to receive these 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 and timely information.*

*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**

### **CONFIRMATION INTEREST MEETING SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4**

Is your youth ready to grow deeper in faith? **Confirmation** is an elective class for all youth starting in **7th grade and older** who want to explore their faith, Christianity, and Methodism. We hope to partner with Mount Vernon Place UMC to offer a year-long class that meets twice a month. Join us for one of our **virtual information sessions** to learn more: Tuesday, September 3, 5:30–6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 4, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

We are also looking for **Confirmation Mentors**—caring adults who will walk alongside youth during this journey. Our goal is to have **two mentors per youth**. If you're interested in mentoring, please plan to attend one of the info sessions as well!

For a link to the interest meeting or general questions? Contact Natalie Harvey at [nharvey@foundryumc.org](mailto:nharvey@foundryumc.org), our Director of Family Ministries.

### **JOIN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM SEPTEMBER 6 AND 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 **Saturdays, September 6 and 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](mailto: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.

## FIND YOUR CIRCLE

### INTERFAITH BOOK CLUB: EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH YOUR FAVORITE COMICS AUGUST 31

Embark on a heroic journey at **Fantom Comics located at 2010 P St. NW, Washington D.C. 20036, on August 31, at 4:00 p.m.**, where our Interfaith Book Club will delve into *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. 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](https://foundryumc.org/fast-track-morning) for the morning sessions and [foundryumc.org/fast-track-evening](https://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](https://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](https://foundryumc.org/disciple2)

## SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Calling on all small group leaders! Are you currently leading a small group or interested in starting one? Foundry will be holding the second of two interactive workshops on small group leadership and facilitation using *Leading Small Groups That Thrive: Five Shifts to Take Your Group to the Next Level* to help us deepen beloved community. The next session will be on **August 24 after the 11:15am service from 12:30pm – 2:00 pm with lunch**. Registration link is here: [foundryumc.org/small-group-workshop](https://foundryumc.org/small-group-workshop)

## 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](https://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**. Register at [foundryumc.org/pastors-coffee](https://foundryumc.org/pastors-coffee).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### SACRED PAUSE MEDITATION GROUP EVERY WEEKDAY

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 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. to practice meditation and contemplative prayer. It is a beautiful and grounding way to start your day. Register here: [foundryumc.org/sacred-paused](https://foundryumc.org/sacred-paused)

## ECO SERVICE TEAM INFO-SESSION AUGUST 26

**Please join us for an information session on August 26** to learn more about Foundry's Eco Service Team, which offers monthly, environment-oriented volunteer opportunities in the DC area. During the info session, you'll hear about the range of volunteer opportunities available, such as tree care, invasive plant species removal, and trash pickup. You'll also learn why these activities are important to our local ecosystem and human health, as well as the logistics for the monthly opportunities. Register here: [foundryumc.org/new-eco-service](https://foundryumc.org/new-eco-service) or email [ecoservice@foundryumc.org](mailto:ecoservice@foundryumc.org) with questions!

## SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

### FALL GREAT DAY OF SERVICE OCTOBER 18

Join us on **Saturday, October 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 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! Details and registration coming soon.

### 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. More information and registration coming soon.

### 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.

### 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. Register at [foundryumc.org/prayer-workshop](https://foundryumc.org/prayer-workshop)

### WORKSHOP ON AGING – STEPHEN MINISTRY

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](https://foundryumc.org/workshop-aging)

**YOUR GENEROSITY  
SHAPES FOUNDRY'S  
FUTURE**



**GIVE HERE**



Join us as we reflect on the challenges and hopes shaping our city. Together, we will share the efforts that were already in place before the federalization of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and identify the obstacles preventing us from progress. We will also share information regarding the potential needs that are being requested from existing partners in this work and how the collective faith leaders can respond.



**Sunday, August 24, 2025**



**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**



**Foundry UMC Sanctuary**

**1500 16th Street NW**

**Washington, D.C., 20036**

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## WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

We invite you to receive a special message from guest preacher **Rev. Michael Szpak**, Religion-Labor Coordinator, AFL-CIO, and retired UMC pastor.

Sunday, August 31, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and online.

Labor Day is both a celebration of working people and a reminder of the struggles that secured rights such as the eight-hour workday, overtime pay, pensions, Social Security, child labor protections, unemployment benefits, and the right to organize. The faith community has long partnered with labor in advancing these causes. This holiday offers a chance to renew that bond—affirming shared commitments to justice, dignity, equality, and fair treatment—while reflecting on the present challenges facing workers and reaffirming support for worker justice.

**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 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m, we will gather in the Sanctuary for one service. Immediately afterward, everyone is invited to join us in the Frances and Norman Prince Fellowship Hall for a time of celebration—complete with a Homecoming photo booth, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship together.





**Check in!**



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smartphone camera.



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