



THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bringing People Closer to God, and One Another



**May 9, 2021 - 9 AM Happy Mother's Day
Celebrating 51 Years of Ministry!**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK ↓

- Today** You're in the right place! The 9 AM service is live broadcast on our Facebook & YouTube channel. American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation is available.
- 8 AM **Praying the Rosary**, available online, <https://zoom.us/j/174434185>
- 9 AM **Livestream Worship Service**, available online, www.facebook.com/themetchurchsd
Lovedy Gilbert Award Sunday / Mother's Day, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- 10:15 AM **Social Hour**, <https://zoom.us/j/191859310>

Monday, May 10

Pre-registration for in-person Worship opens to the membership and Community
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/metropolitan-community-church-san-diego-17230168772>

1 PM **Centering Prayer**, <https://zoom.us/j/251632413>

6:30 PM **Discipleship 101** (*Class full*)

Tuesday, May 11

Choir Rehearsal, temporarily suspended

Wednesday, May 12

7 PM **Wednesday Night Bible Study**, <https://zoom.us/j/611869117>

Thursday, May 13

7 PM **Thursday Night Spiritual Enrichment**, temporarily suspended

COMING EVENTS ↓

- May 16 **Usher Training Class**, 10:30 AM - 12 PM, RSVP to Caedmon@themetchurch.org
- May 23 **Regathering Sunday**, 9 AM Livestreamed and in person (50%, reservations required)
- May 30 **9 AM Worship Service**, Livestreamed online & in person (pre-registration required)
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/metropolitan-community-church-san-diego-17230168772>
- May 31 **Memorial Day**, offices closed
- June 6 **Anniversary Sunday**, 9 AM Online and in person & 11 AM in person, reservations:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/metropolitan-community-church-san-diego-17230168772>

FLOWER DEDICATION ↓

The beautiful floral arrangement on the platform this morning is dedicated to the **mothers and all the adopted moms** in the congregation and in celebration of **Sharon Jaynes'** 8th anniversary in heaven, with love from her son, Mark Jaynes. We share in honor and gratitude for all the **moms and mother figures** we have loved!

*To dedicate Sunday flowers for the platform, please sign up on the schedule
by contacting Lee Bowman at 619-521-2222 x11.*

WELCOME & LOVEDY GILBERT AWARD PRESENTATION - Pastor Dan Koeshall (he/him)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Lee Bowman (he/him)

*** PRAISE & WORSHIP** - Armond Washington (he/him), Jodie Hart (he/him),
T.C. Krentz (she/her), Shunda Williams (she/her), Steve Fitzgerald (he/him)

“I Sing Praises to Your Name”

I sing praises to Your name oh God, praises to Your name oh God
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I sing praises to Your name oh God, praises to Your name oh God
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name oh God, glory to Your name oh God
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name oh God, glory to Your name oh God
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

“My Life Is in You, God”

My life is in You, God, My strength is in You, God,
My hope is in You, God
In You, it's in You. (Repeat)

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise You with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Moment

*** HYMN - “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my God so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

COMMUNITY PRAYER with the Savior’s Prayer - Gregory Ragsdale (he/him)

*Our Creator, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC – “I Will Be Here” - Leo Linden (he/him)

Tomorrow morning if you wake up
and the sun does not appear
I... I will be here
If in the dark we lose sight of love
hold my hand and have no fear
Cause I... I will be here

I will be here when you feel like being quiet
When you need to speak your mind I will listen
And I will be here when the laughter turns to crying
Through the winning, losing and trying, We'll be together Cause I will be here

Tomorrow morning if you wake up and the future is unclear
I... I will be here
As sure as seasons are made for change our lifetimes are made for years,
So I... I will be here

I will be here, You can cry on my shoulder
When the mirror tells us we're older I will hold you
And I will be here to watch you grow in beauty
And tell you all the things you are to me, I will be here, hmmm

I will be true to the promise I have made,
To you and to the One who gave you to me. I will be here
And just as sure as seasons are made for change
our lifetimes are made for years
So I... I will be here. We'll be together. I will be here.

*** SCRIPTURE – Acts 10:44-48**

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

One: This is the message of Hope!

All: Praise to you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

*** GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest and to all creation peace.
O God Almighty we thank You and give praise to You for Your glory.
Jesus Christ, One with God, Giver of life and hope.
For You, O God, are the Holy One; You, O God, are most high.
To Jesus Christ with God on high and Holy Spirit ever more
be blessing and honor and glory ... be all blessing and honor and glory!
Amen! Amen! A---men!

SERMON: “When We Hear Them” - Rev. Alisan Rowland (she/her)

TITHES & OFFERINGS - Pastor Caedmon Grace (he/him)

OFFERTORY - "I Feel Heaven in This Place" - Jodie Hart (he/him)

I feel Heaven in this Place, I feel Heaven in this place,
I feel Heaven all around in this place.
I feel Heaven in this place, I feel Heaven in this place, I feel Heaven all around in this place.
In this place, this holy place,
I feel the presence of the Lord in this place.
In this place this holy place, I feel the presence of the Lord in this place
I feel healing in this place, I feel healing in this place, I feel healing all around in this place.
I feel healing in this place, I feel healing in this place, I feel healing all around in this place.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - Pastor Caedmon Grace (he/him)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION - Rev. Alisan Rowland (she/her)

<i>One: God be with you.</i>	<i>One: Let us give thanks to God!</i>
All: And also with you.	All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
<i>One: Lift up your hearts!</i>	<i>One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always</i>
All: We lift them up to God.	<i>and everywhere, to give thanks always to you,</i>
	<i>Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth.</i>

**All: Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!
Mi Corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, God!**

**All: Life everlasting and strength for today;
taste the Living Water and never thirst again!
Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call; come just as you are:
come and see, come receive, come and live forevermore!**

*** CLOSING SONG - "I Stand in Awe"**

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,
Too wonderful for comprehension, Like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depth of your love?
You are beautiful beyond description, Majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of you.
I stand, I stand in awe of you.
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of you.

*** BENEDICTION**

Audio: Ri Parrish (she/her) **Live Stream:** Shawn Burgh (he/him)
Multimedia: Lee Bowman (he/him)

Since 1981 Metropolitan Community Churches have had a policy of using Inclusive language; that is, MCC's avoid language that is sexist, racist, or classist. Inclusive language also recognizes that men and women are all made in the divine image and therefore refrains from using exclusively masculine names and pronouns for God. At The Met®, we are very intentional about modeling inclusive language at the leadership level and in our liturgy.



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Prayer Requests

Thank you for praying for the following:
 All the people who are suffering; improved communication; managing diabetes; friends enduring difficulty; an end to a sense of isolation; discernment; for enough; the house hunt; side gigs; friends away at sea; safe travels; rest & relaxation

Join in rejoicing with praises for:
 Birthday celebrations; beach bonfires and quality time; meaningful relationships; regathering on May 23; opportunities to serve others; getting to hold new born babies; the ushers;

Please share prayers & praises by email:
 caedmon@themetchurch.org.

VOICES OF GENEROSITY

Time, talent, and treasure ... all three parts of ourselves we give as an offering to God.
 1 Peter 4:10

Total Income for May	\$ 5,388.00
<i>(from online auto bill-pay:</i>	<i>2,588.00)</i>
<i>(from offering and other mail:</i>	<i>2,800.00)</i>
Expenses for May	\$ 10,569.15
Income for 2021 thru April	\$ 78,069.74 *
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Scrip Income for April	\$ 248.81
Scrip Income for 2021	\$ 971.73
Building Fund as of 4/30/21	\$ 13,399.62

* We were also blessed with \$30,262.39 in two annual trust gifts from late members Richard Chavez & Rupert Keesler

Attendance	Last Sunday	23
<i>(reflects only</i>	Livestream	95
<i>Sunday AM)</i>	Total	118
	Week Before	163

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 simply text to 619-383-0380

At Smile.Amazon.com .5% of most Amazon purchases come to the church when you designate Metropolitan Community Church San Diego as your charity.

The church is able to accept vehicles and stock as gifts. Contact the church office.

Have you included the church in your will, trust or estate planning?

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