Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 9 AM & 11 AM
Celebrating 51 Years of Ministry in 2021!

Today
You’re in the right place! The 9 AM service is live broadcast on our Facebook & YouTube Channel with American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation. The 9 AM & 11 AM services are available in person. Rainbow Sunday School during 11 AM on 1st/3rd Sundays.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

8 AM  Praying the Rosary, temporarily suspended
9 AM  Worship Service, open seating, masks required
11 AM Worship Service, open seating, masks required

Monday, September 13
1 PM  Centering Prayer, available online, https://zoom.us/j/251632413

Tuesday, September 14
Choir Rehearsal, temporarily suspended

Wednesday, September 15
7 PM  “Soul Friends, Pilgrims and Thin Places”, 1st-floor Community Room & online

Thursday, September 16
7 PM  Thursday Night Spiritual Enrichment, email: ronniesperry@yahoo.com for address

COMING EVENTS
Sept. 25  AIDS Walk & Run San Diego
Sept. 30 “I AM” Retreat, Pastor Dan’s Renewal retreat in Zion National Park
October 1-3  “Thin Places” Retreat, a two-night 3-day retreat at Stallion Oaks Ranch in Descanso
Oct. 10  Blessing of the Animals, 4 PM, Balboa Park
Oct. 11  Indigenous People’s Day
Oct. 16  Book Signing with Rev. Major Dusty Pruitt, 10 AM—12 PM, Sanctuary
Oct. 16  Uptown Gala, 5 PM, Bankers Hill Club, for tickets: www.uptpowncsc.org
Oct. 31  Trunk N’ Treat, 5 PM - 7 PM, Parking Lot
Nov. 7  Pastor Dan Returns from Renewal, Daylight Savings Time ends

FLOWER DEDICATION

The beautiful floral arrangement on the platform this morning is dedicated with appreciation and acknowledgement of each person who donates from their time, talent and treasure to the thriving of God’s work in and through this church and surrounding communities.

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

The Met Church is an inclusive, caring, progressive Christian community that welcomes and includes all people of every ethnicity, age, sex, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, education level, immigrant status or religious background.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - Lee Bowman (he/him)

PRAISE & WORSHIP - Armond Washington (he/him), Denni Coslett (she/her), Nancy Neel (she/her), T.C. Krentz (she/her), Steve Fitzgerald (he/him)

“Shout to the Lord”
My Jesus, My Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Let us sing, Power and majesty, praises we bring;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Chorus
Nothing compares to the promise I have
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

“Here I Am to Worship”
Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see,
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

* RESPONSIVE WORSHIP - Rev. Alisan Rowland (she/her)

One: We light this special candle representing our soul friend, Pastor Dan.
Many: May he have sanctuary. May he be safe. May he be transformed evermore into your likeness.

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of all!
Many: Our souls long, yes, faint for the courts of our God;

One: Our hearts and flesh sing to the living God.
Many: For God is a sun and shield;

One: ...our God bestows favor and honor.
Many: No good thing does God withhold from those who walk uprightly.

One: O Ancient of Days, blessed is the one who trusts in you!
Many: May our trust increase. We want to experience your Glory! AMEN.

* Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
* HYMN - “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of the Spirit, washed in the blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with your goodness, lost in your love.

Refrain

COMMUNITY PRAYER with the Savior’s Prayer - Rev. Alisan Rowland (she/her)

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 - “Through It All” - Armond Washington (he/him), Denni Coslett (she/her),
Nancy Neel (she/her), T.C Krentz (she/her), Steve Fitzgerald (he/him)

I’ve had many tears and sorrows, I’ve had questions for tomorrow
there’s been times I didn’t know right from wrong, But in every situation
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials only come to make me strong

Chorus: Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus
I’ve learned to trust in God, Through it all, through it all
I’ve learned to depend upon God’s Word

I’ve been to a lot of places, And I’ve seen a lot of faces
there’s been times when I feel so all alone, But in those lonely hours
in those precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was His own

Chorus

Well, I thank God for the mountains, and I thank God for the valleys
I thank God for the storms You’ve brought me through, For if I’d never had a problem
I wouldn’t know God could solve them,
I wouldn’t know what faith in God’s Word could do

Chorus

* SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 6:8a - 9 AM Erwin Green (he/him) 11 AM Adam Stepp (he/him)

16 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

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: “Prayer: Ancient Celtic Prayers”
- Rev. Major Dusty Pruitt (she/her)

TITHES & OFFERINGS - Lee Bowman (he/him)

OFFERTORY MUSIC - “Holy Spirit, Rain Down” - Armond Washington (he/him),
Denni Coslett (she/her), Nancy Neel (she/her), T.C. Krentz (she/her), Steve Fitzgerald (he/him)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Oh, Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again,
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall,
Let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts,
As we stand on Your word
Holy Spirit, rain down

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up Heaven, open it wide,
Over Your church and over our lives
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - Lee Bowman (he/him)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION - Rev. Major Dusty Pruitt (she/her)

( Glen free wafers are available at the Welcome Table)

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

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 - “Oh the Glory of Your Presence”

Oh the glory
Of your presence
We your people
Give you reverence
So arise from your rest
And be blessed by our praise
As we glory in your embrace
As your presence now fills this place

* BENEDICTION

Multimedia Technician: Lee Bowman (he/him) Audio Technician: Ri Parrish (she/her)
LiveStream Technician: Rev. Caedmon Grace (he/they)

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:
Peace of mind, balanced level-headedness; loved one with COVID; those with broken hearts; for a successful colonoscopy; our little yorkie’s eye; an end to cabin fever; congregants missing in action; solidarity with those needing abortion care and those providing that care; I miss my mom (21 years in heaven); great and easy move; stress

Join in rejoicing with praises for:
Successful completion of special work tasks; for our many blessings; God’s continued provisions and grace; I found a roommate; for the breath of God’s grace and compassions not fear and judgement; 31 years of participating in AIDS Walk; ability to attend mom’s 90th birthday

VOICES OF GENEROSITY
Always grateful for God’s continual provisions and grace.
- From a Keeping in Touch Card

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* We were also blessed with $30,262.39 in trust bequests from Richard Chavez & Rupert Keesler and a bequest from Chuck Goosman for $25,785.01

Attendance

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

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simply text to 619-383-0380

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