

The Worship of God

Easter +6

May 21, 2017

PRELUDE	
WORDS OF GATHERING	Scott Stearman Pastor
The congregation is asked to read the boldface text.	
The Lord be with you.	
And also with you.	
CHORAL INTROIT	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
The congregation is asked to read the boldface text.	
Praise the Lord, all people, let the sound of God's praise be heard! Creator of the universe, whose breath gives life, whose love brings freedom, whose glory fills the earth, to you our praise we bring.	
Praise the Savior of the world, whose touch gives healing, whose words offer forgiveness, whose suffering brings life, whose death is victory.	
Praise the Lord, all people! We praise you, O God, for your steadfast love, embodied in our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!	
INVOCATION	Maren Holmen Deacon
*HYMN OF PRAISE #334	Blessed Assurance
LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY	Tony Ponella Volunteer Coordinator
Updates about Metro and our community ministry, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries. Optional childcare is provided for children. Leaders can be found at the back.	
RMM SPOTLIGHT: TEEN CENTER	
COVENANT OF CONCERNS	
Alan Green Deacon	
PRAYER	
HYMN #409	O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus tune: Ebenezer
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
OFFERTORY	

*DOXOLOGY	Lasst uns Erfreuen	
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all good gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>		
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 17:22-31	Joan Porter and David Massengill
SERMON	The Universal Particular	Scott Stearman
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #412	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i> <i>If you want to formally become a member of Metro, or wish to profess publicly your faith, you are invited to come forward and speak to the pastor or minister at this time.</i>	
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Please join us for coffee hour fellowship following the service.</i> <i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>	



RMM SPOTLIGHT

Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM) is the community service arm of Metro Baptist Church. Each Sunday of Eastertide, we will spotlight different Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM) programs and services as a practice of Resurrection.

This morning, we spotlight the RMM's **Teen Center** program. The Teen Center exists to build community by providing a safe, inclusive, enriching, and educational space for teenagers during the after school hours. Teen Center activities & events include: service opportunities, retreats, SAT classes, social events, mentoring, and cultural outings periodically throughout the year.

Bake Sale!

Be sure to visit the Teen Center booth at the 9th Avenue Food Festival between 43rd-44th today before 5:00 pm to support the teens as they raise money for camp!



Help us collect recycled materials for CLUE Camp!

Jugs, bottles, cans, cartons, TP and PT rolls, etc. Items can be placed in the bin at the back of the sanctuary or left in the office.



Coming Up

Today	9 th Avenue Food Festival
May 24 (Wed)	CSA Member Meeting
	Living Well Reunion
May 25 (Thurs)	Homecoming Graduation
June 3-4	Ronnie's Retirement Celebration
June 11 (Sun)	Metro Quarterly Business Meeting

Courtyard Cookout

Next Sunday (5/28), starting at 6:00 pm

The “unofficial start to summer” is here. Join in an evening of fellowship hosted by the Deacons & staff. Burgers and veggie burgers will be provided.

Please bring a side or drink to share.



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project News

CSA Shares Available

Join the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) to receive fresh produce through the summer and fall, picked up every week at Metro. Full, half, and subsidized shares are available.



Youth Farm Intern Program

July 5 - August 12, 2017

HKFP is seeking applicants for a 6-week summer internship program for NYC high school students. The goal of the program is to acquaint local youth with urban agriculture, farming techniques, food security and social justice concerns, and career options in these realms. Applications due by end of May.

Form more information about the above opportunities or to volunteer with HKFP, please visit www.hkfp.org.



Ronnie's Retirement Celebration
June 3 & 4 | Metro Baptist Church

For 22 years, Ronnie Adam has committed his life to befriending those in New York City whom society often condemns. His compassion is second to none and his faithfulness to the New York community is inspiring. We know you want to make plans

to attend his retirement celebration in June.

Plans are being finalized and will be updated here and with a formal invitation, but you can plan on an evening meal and program on Saturday, June 3rd (5:30-8:00 pm), then a special blessing during worship at Metro Baptist Church with a reception to follow on Sunday, June 4th. All are welcome!

For Saturday reservations, visit <https://ronniecelebration.eventbrite.com>.