

The Worship of God

Christmas +6

February 4, 2018

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

Scott Stearman
Pastor

Congregation read the bold print

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:21-31

Choir Women: Have you not known?

Choir Men: Have you not heard?

Choir all: Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Congregation: It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Choir all: Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when God blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

Choir women: To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Choir men: Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

Congregation: The Lord who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Choir all: Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?”

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Congregation: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Choir men: God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

Choir women: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

All: But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

INVOCATION

Joe Bergquist
Deacon

* HYMN #67

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Brooklyn Lovelace
Administrative Assistant

Updates about Metro and our community ministry, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.

Optional childcare is provided for children. Leaders can be found at the back

COVENANT OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

HYMN #101

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
v. 1-4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Alan H. Green
Deacon Chair

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

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!

CHORAL ANTHEM

SERMON

Those Who Wait and Walk

Scott Stearman

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #411

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken
alt. tune: Stuttgart

If you would like to formally join our community of faith or profess something publicly about your journey of faith, we invite you to speak to a pastor at this time.

*BENEDICTION

Davidson Sutherland

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please join us following the service for coffee hour and fellowship.



Ash Wednesday

February 14 - 6:30 Light Meal & 7:00 Service

Join us on February 14 for a service celebrating Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, a season of repentance and reflection in the Christian calendar that prepares us for and leads us to Easter. A light meal will be served in the Fellowship Room at 6:30 and the service will begin in the Sanctuary at 7:00.

Lenten Bible Study

Would you be willing to host a small group in your home? The pastors will be leading a weekly study during the period following Ash Wednesday until Holy Week and Easter. If you could provide a light meal and space for 10-12 people, please contact Scott (ssstearman@mbcnyc.org). Alternatively if you'd like to "host" at Metro that is also an option. Lent will begin with an Ash Wednesday service at Metro on Feb. 14 and with a **Bible Study at the Stearman's on February 21**. The available dates for hosting are: February 28, March 7 or 8, March 14, and March 21 or 22. All starting at 6:30 pm.

Coming Up

TODAY

TONIGHT

Feb 14

Feb 16

Feb 23-24

Mar 3

Mar 4

Business Meeting and Potluck

Sex and Power

Ash Wednesday Service

The Garifuna Jazz Ensemble

Upstart Creatures presents "Fefu and her Friends

Edith Lettner's FreeMotion & Tribute to Novella Nelson

Terzetta Concert

"SEX & POWER - from Aphrodite to Freud to Weinstein"

Written & performed by Joanna Rush

TONIGHT at 6:00pm

Light refreshments will be served.

This one woman's look at sexual assault through her personal experience, history and current social culture is frank, humorous and hopeful - following the presentation there will be a round table discussion and talk back & hopefully, a beginning to working thru the "me, too" response to a "never again" resolve and reality! Please contact Kathy Conry at Natashalamocha1947@gmail.com to make reservation as space is limited. There is NO CHARGE but a "love offering" will be taken for the use of the hall".

Help Us Serve Our Community in 2018!



RAUSCHENBUSCH
METRO MINISTRIES

See below for ways to donate your time, goods or money to Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, Metro's community service not-for-profit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Below is a list of programs and times when volunteers are needed:

Winter Clothes Closet	Mondays 12:30-3:00 pm
Page Turners	Tuesdays-Thursdays 4:15-5:30 pm
Food Pantry	Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Teen Center	Fridays 4:00-8:00 pm

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in DIRE need of clothing items for our Winter Clothing Closet, especially **large coats, men's pants, gloves, hats, scarves, and new underwear**. We are also collecting for snack bags & toiletry kits. You can drop off any of these items year round: **small soaps & shampoo, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloths**, as well as snack items such as **granola bars, crackers, water bottles, juice boxes, etc.**

You can also make monetary donations to support RMM programs and services at www.rmmnyc.org/donate.

For further information about how to get involved or support RMM, email volunteer@rmmnyc.org.