

The Worship of God

Christmas +7

February 11, 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

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks
and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence;

before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, to judge the people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge.

INVOCATION

Vadim Yakshov
Deacon

* HYMN #27

Come, Thou Almighty King

Alternate text: Come, thou almighty God, help us thy name to laud.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Davidson Sutherland
Princeton Seminary Intern

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey
CBF Urban Minister

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

COVENANT OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

HYMN #531

Thank You, Lord

TESTIMONY

Dan Henkel

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

Michael O'Brien

SERMON

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Scott Stearman

DEACON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

LITANY (SEE INSERT)

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER

HYMN OF COMMITMENT Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/O When the Saints

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

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Deacon Installation & Ordination

Today we share in the installation of Dan Henkel and Maren Holmen as deacons. Since Dan is a first time deacon, we also share today in a service of ordination. All are invited to share in the laying on of hands later in the service, symbolically encouraging Dan and Maren and offering prayers for their ministry of servant leadership as deacons. Dan and Maren will join Joe Bergquist, Vadim Yakshov, Alan Green and Jacob Wilson to make up our full Diaconate. According to Metro's Bylaws, "The deacons shall serve with the pastors and staff in performing the pastoral ministry tasks."



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.

RMM Trivia Night: Movie Edition

Directed by Tony Ponella

February 27, 2018

Doors Open at 6:30pm,

Trivia Begins at 7:00pm

Don't miss out on RMM's movie-themed trivia night! Categories will include Oscar Films, Sci-Fi, Movie Musicals, Disney, and more! Admission price TBD, will include trivia, prizes, and hors d'oeuvres. BYOB!



Coming Up

TODAY

Feb 14

Feb 16

Feb 23-24

Feb 27

Mar 3

Mar 4

Deacon Installation and Ordination

Ash Wednesday Service

The Garifuna Jazz Ensemble

Upstart Creatures presents "Fefu and her Friends"

RMM Trivia Night: Movie Edition

Edith Lettner's FreeMotion & Tribute to Novella Nelson

Terzetta Concert

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.

Homecoming and Living Well Volunteers Needed

Our spring LSEP programs need mentors to offer support and accompaniment along the journey of healing. A group of veterans and a group of survivors of domestic violence will begin their work in truth telling and trauma healing in February. If you would like to participate as a mentor this semester, or if you would just like more information, email Lesley-Ann at: lhixtommey@cbf.net.

You can also volunteer to provide a dessert or a full meal for one of their sessions. If you would like more information about serving in this way, email Brooklyn at volunteer@rmmnyc.org.