

# The Worship of God

Christmas +10

March 3, 2019

## 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 mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes  
**the voice of God speaking from the cloud**  
the commandments etched in stone

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny  
**in a place we can go, a light we can see**  
a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch  
**Sometimes**

Sometimes there is the veil the overshadowing, terrifying cloud  
**the questions, the appearing and disappearing**  
the excitement, the wondering  
**the silence**

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.  
**Always God shows up somehow.**  
So we have shown up here, now  
**May God give us eyes to see.**

## INVOCATION

Vadim Yakshov  
Deacon

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE #66

*Immortal, Invisible*

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mark Prehn  
Food Justice Coordinator

*Updates about Metro and our community ministry, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.  
Guests are welcomed to fill out a card so that we may have a record of your visit.  
Optional childcare is provided for children. Leaders can be found at the back.*

## COVENANT OF CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
Pastor

## SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 34:29-35

## HYMN #264

*Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*  
(sing twice)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Adi Henkel

## OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

*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!*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

## SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

## SERMON The Transforming Visage Scott Stearman

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## HYMN OF COMMITMENT #513 *Now I Have New Life in Christ*

*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 join us after the service for coffee hour and fellowship.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**If you need assistance, please find the staff member wearing a black polo shirt.**

**This Week's Host: Mark Prehn  
This Week's Deacon: Vadim Yakshov  
This Week's Usher: Connie Brown**

## A Personal Invitation to get your Ashes in Church

In a recent conversation with a Jewish friend, he mentioned a rabbinical story I hadn't heard. A respected teacher carried two slips of paper, one in each pocket. On one he wrote: "for my sake the world was created." On the other he wrote: "I am but dust and ashes." He would take out each slip of paper as necessary, as a reminder to himself.

Ash Wednesday is our annual, and physical, reminder of this miraculous polarity: we are divine children of God, and we are children of the dust and to the dust we will return. Ash Wednesday follows Mardi Gras and is the beginning of the 40 days of Lent when we reflect on our identity as wanderers (like the children of Israel) and searchers (as Jesus in the wilderness). You are invited this year to come to Metro and receive the ashes, with prayer and a reading from one of our ministers any time from **10:00 am until 6:00 pm**. We will have a brief **corporate service at 12:30**, for anyone who can come during a lunch hour. This is a new approach to Ash Wednesday for us, we hope you'll come and begin your own Lenten journey at some point during that day. And join us every Sunday of Lent for After Service Conversations and brown bag lunches. - Pastor Scott



## Meals and Desserts for LSEP

Desserts and meals are needed for RMM's life skills empowerment programs. If you would like more information about serving in this way, email [livingwell@rmmnyc.org](mailto:livingwell@rmmnyc.org).



## Coming Up

March 6  
March 10

March 15  
March 17  
March 23  
March 30  
April 6-13

**Ash Wednesday**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Upstart Creatures Reading**  
**Fight With Your Art – A Cancer Benefit**  
**Classical Meets Broadway**  
**Celebrating Women Composers**  
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**SGTC Presents Next Fall**

**Upstart Creatures Presents The Ladies of the Corridor**  
**Sunday, March 10**

Includes a multi-course meal. FREE.



**Fight With Your Art: A Cancer Benefit Cabaret**  
**Friday, March 15, 7:30 – 9:00pm**

**\$15 suggested donation at the door**

100% of the proceeds will benefit the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, one of the foremost cancer research hospitals in the world.

**Classical Meets Broadway**

**March 17, 3:00pm**

**\$20 suggested donation at the door**

Concerts for Compassion, in collaboration with Metro Baptist Church and Judson Memorial Baptist Church, present a Fundraiser for the New Sanctuary Coalition.

**Celebrating Women Composers**

**March 23 and March 30, 7:00 – 10:00pm, Q+A to follow**

**\$20 general admission, \$15 seniors/students/groups of 10+ (cash only)**

Presented by Abby London-Crawford

## First Urban Immersion Group of the Year!

**URBAN IMMERSION**  
metro baptist church & rauschenbusch metro ministries



Welcome to the college students from Valparaiso University in Indiana! This group begins their week of Urban Immersion with us today. They have a full week of learning and serving

ahead of them focused on homelessness. Thank you for joining us in ministry, Valparaiso University!

## Let's Elevate! Building Holy Hospitality for the next 35 years!

Since 1984, Metro Baptist Church has carried out life-giving ministries in this vibrant but challenging area of Hell's Kitchen. We've opened our space 24/7 in a building that is over a century old and that is almost hostile to those who are challenged by steps. In an effort to ensure that our ministries, our educational and arts programs, our HK Farm Project (etc.) are able to flourish we've embarked on architectural and financial feasibility studies. Copies of the architect's report are in back. If you'd like to know more about this effort please speak to one of the pastors. Opportunities to be engaged in the financial feasibility will be coming up this month.