

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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

Inspired by Psalm 27

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:
O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!

One thing we ask of God:
That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!
Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION

Joe Bergquist
Deacon

*HYMN OF PRAISE #552

Standing on the Promises

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

HYMN #537

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

LIBERATING RESPONSE

Ronnie Adams

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12

Stephen Bouchard

SPECIAL MUSIC

Trevor Richardson and Laura Voss

SERMON

Living the Promise

Scott Stearman

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #609

Take My Life

v. 1, 2, 3, 6

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.

CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us after the service for Lenten Lunch and Conversation.

**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: Joe Bergquist
This Week's Usher: Connie Brown

We welcome today in the service Josh Speight from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Mitch Randall from The Baptist Center for Ethics.

Brown-bag Lenten Lunches

March 17, 24, 31, and April 7 from 12:30 – 1:15

Join us following the service each Sunday of Lent for a 45 minute conversation to discuss a particular application of that morning's text and sermon. Bring your own lunch or grab something quick. Water and cups provided.



Classical Meets Broadway

A Fundraising Concert for the New Sanctuary Coalition TODAY at 3:00 p.m. | \$20 Suggested Donation

For 10 years, the New Sanctuary Coalition has been led by and for immigrants to stop the inhumane system of deportations and detentions in this country. Our small and scrappy team works with an army of over 500 volunteers to provide person-to-person support to many hundreds of immigrants — the people we call "friends," not clients — facing detention and deportation.



Metro Baptist Church and Judson Memorial Church, along with Concerts for Compassion, are presenting a fundraiser for the New Sanctuary Coalition on Sunday at 3:00pm. Join us for **Classical Meets Broadway**, featuring the vocals of Laura Darrell, Laura Stelman Jaegar, Ken Jennings, Scott Koonce, Brittani O'Connell, Isabella Stansbury, and Cecelia J. Stearman.



Eugene Bolin Memorial

On Saturday, June 8th, Metro will host a Memorial Service for former pastor Gene Bolin. The service is at 1:30 pm, and will include a memorial service in the sanctuary and a dedication on the roof top farm.

Coming Up

March 17

Brown Bag Lunch

March 23

Classical Meets Broadway

March 30

Celebrating Women Composers

April 6-13

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April 14

SGTC Presents Next Fall

April 18

Palm Sunday

April 19

Maundy Thursday

April 21

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Advocacy in Action Update

Last week, Metro hosted a group of 60 seminarians, pastors, and church leaders for the annual CBF "Advocacy in Action," conference. The focus of the conference was on global advocacy, both in our space and in other spaces around the city, in order to explore how advocacy is a faithful expression of Christian mission.



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.



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



Stomping Ground Theatre Company Presents

Next Fall by Geoffrey Nauffts

April 6, 7, 12, 13

Directed by Scott Koonce

Laura Bergquist and Cecelia Stearman in Concert

Directed by Scott Koonce

May 5, 6:00pm, More details to come

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 again soon.