



To all who are weary and need rest
To all who mourn and need comfort
To all who are lonely and need friendship
To all who are complacent and need disturbing
To all who sin and need a savior
To all who are glad and would serve
This church opens wide its doors.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Miracles Theme"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you call us to unfamiliar and unexpected places.
And we pray we are open to hearing this call.

Sometimes we fall into the depths
of our own biases and preconceived notions.
**And even in our lowest moments,
you see the capacity for good within us.**

You call us, God, to this journey of truth and justice,
just as Jesus called his disciples.
And thank God we do not have to go this journey alone.

In uncertain times, you shine a light unto our path
so we may see the way more clearly,
And you see us even as we rest among the fig trees.

God, can something so good and true really come from Nazareth?
Come and See.

PRAYER

Ronnie Adams
Deacon

HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Baptist Hymnal #83

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo

Welcome Survey: <https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHyh6>



COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Evidence of Love"

Jesse Warkentin

Online Giving: <http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>



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!

SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51

Donna Thompson

SERMON

"Come and See"

Rev. Jana Dye

HYMN

"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

Chalice 684

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Dye

POSTLUDE

"Alleluia "

Jesse Warkentin

You are invited to remain for post-service fellowship.

After the service, a camera and mic will be set up so remote and in-person attendees can visit with one another. Refreshments are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

Service Notes

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"Alleluia" is written by John Sinclair, arranged by Mark Hayes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Budget 101 with Leslie Lowe via Zoom

Sunday, January 21, immediately following service

Ever wonder what's in the MBC budget? Do you know what your offering pays for? Do you have questions about the budget, but are too shy to ask during the business meeting? Now is the time to ask those questions and learn what it costs to operate MBC.

Please join Trustee Chair Leslie Lowe on zoom after the worship service on Sunday Jan. 21 to preview the 2024 budget as approved by the Trustees.



Metro Midweek Gathering via Zoom

Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM Eastern

We will host monthly online midweek gatherings in 2024. Metro community members (as well as guests) near and far are invited each month for these times of study, discussion, prayer and connection. Our first one of the year will be January 17 at 7:00 PM Eastern. You can join via this [link](#) or by scanning the QR code. All are welcome!



Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference for 2024

Sunday, January 28 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's congregational meeting on January 28 following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. Primary agenda will be to approve the 2024 budget. Full agenda and supporting documents will be sent out closer to the meeting date.



Congratulations to our '24-'26 Deacon Class!

On January 6th, we enthusiastically affirmed the nominations of **Laura Bergquist** (1st term) and **Julia Beardsley O'Brien** (2nd term) to our 2024-2026 Deacon Class. An installation service will be scheduled at a later date. Laura and Julia join the full Deacon body which also includes Ronnie Adams, Carole Collins, Alan H. Green, and Marcus Wilborn.



Winter Clothing Closet

Mondays (January 8 - March 25, 2024)

Distribution: 10:15-11:30 AM | Volunteer Needs: 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet is for the season, and we continue to need **YOUR HELP!**

AMAZON WISHLIST:



CLOTHING DONATIONS: We are in great need of the following new or gently used clothing items for adults: heavy winter coats, sweatshirts/sweaters, joggers/jeans, t-shirts, hats, gloves, scarves and underwear. You can drop off donations here at Metro or purchase clothing needs from our Amazon Wishlist (scan to the left).



Hymns n' Brews

Sunday, February 4th, 1-3pm

Shortly after service, we will be hosting a hymn sing-along led by one of our lovely resident accompanists, Jesse Warkentin. Make sure to come ready with a favorite hymn to request! Bring a favorite beverage (alcoholic or non) and snack to share. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will also be provided.

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