



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.

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 26, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works
God is doing in our midst.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name
the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our
trust in God in the midst of hardship.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed
among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love which molds us to be
bearers of love and freedom in this world.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come
among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

Marcus Wilborn
Deacon

HYMN "My Hope Is Built" Chalice 537

PASSING THE PEACE Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHyh>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY "The Blessing" Metro Choir



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 Luke 4:14-21 Shannah Rae

PASTORAL REFLECTION Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" Chalice 259

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Connie Brown

PASTORAL REFLECTION Rev. Jana Dye

HYMN "Fill the World with Love" Chalice 467

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

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

The cover art is "Risen Lord" by He Qi.

Prelude: Words and Music by William H. Doane. Arranged by Craig Curry.

Call to Worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, August 2024.

"My Hope Is Built": Words by Edward Mote. Music by William B. Bradbury.

"The Blessing": Traditional folk melody arranged and given lyrics by Pepper Choplin..

"Spirit of the Living God": Words and Music by Daniel Iverson..

"Fill the World with Love": Words and Music by David Edwards.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Winter Clothing Closet

Mondays (November - March)

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

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet is open and we need YOUR HELP during these coldest months.



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. To see a full list of clothing needs and links where you might purchase specific items, visit <https://rmmnyc.org/programs/winter-clothing-closet>

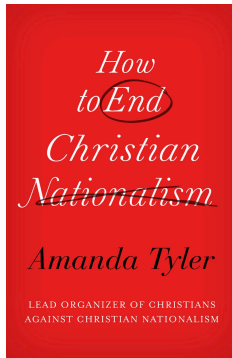
VOLUNTEERS: Each Monday, we will be in need of 15-20 volunteers to help distribute clothing to those in need. You can sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities by scanning QR above.



Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference for 2025

Sunday, February 9 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's congregational meeting on February 9 following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. The primary agenda will be to approve the 2025 budget. Full agenda and supporting documents will be sent out closer to the meeting date.



Metro Book Club

Tentative Book Club Date: Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

In 2025, Metro will be starting a book club! You are invited to join as you have interest and availability to gather with others to discuss books that might enrich, inspire and encourage us. The first book we will read and discuss is ***How to End Christian Nationalism***, a new book written by Amanda R. Tyler, executive director of BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty) and the lead organizer of BJC's Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign.

You can read more about this book and find links to purchase the book at <https://www.endchristiannationalism.com/>. If interested in joining this discussion, go ahead and get the book and begin reading. If you would like to join, but need assistance purchasing the book, reach out directly to Pastor Tiffany at thenkel@mbcnyc.org. More details to come.

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