



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.

Eighth Sunday of Epiphany

February 23, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus to this world,
Deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities.
Create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
To see the image of God in every person, of every background and identity.
May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending injustice
and creating communities of human flourishing.
Through your love and faithfulness we will build the world we want to see.

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Chalice 718

PASSING THE PEACE

Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey
<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Defying Gravity"

Claire McConnell



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 8: 1-15

Chrisaleen Ciro

SERMON

"Defy Every Impossibility"

Rev. Kym McNair

HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Chalice 714

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

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

Cover art is 'La Conner Tulip Harvest,' oil painting, 1991. (Jesús Guillén and the Guillén Family Collection).

Prelude: Words by Edward Caswall. Music by Joseph Barnby. Arranged by Laura Bergquist.

Call to Worship is adapted from a Black History Worship Service Outline on interculturalministriescentral.org.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come": Words by Henry Alford. Music by George J. Elvey.

"Defying Gravity": From the musical, WICKED. Words and Music by Stephen Schwartz.

"For the Fruit of All Creation": Words by Fred Pratt Green. Music: Traditional Welsh Melody.

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TODAY'S PREACHER



Rev. Kym McNair is the Director of Social Transformation at My Sisters' Place, a domestic violence agency in Westchester county. She has worked with CONNECT Faith in their Safe Church Ending Child Sexual Abuse project, and she is also an anti-racist trainer and organizer with The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a multigenerational, multiethnic collective based in New Orleans. Kym holds ordinations in the National Baptist Church and American Baptist Churches-USA. She finds restoration in early morning walks with her rescue dog, Simba, and in tending to her vegetable and flower gardens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

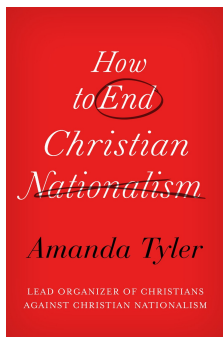


Metro New Membership Class

Sunday, February 23 after worship (in person)

Wednesday, March 12 at 7PM (virtual)

Metro Pastors, in coordination with our Deacons, have scheduled two opportunities (one in person and one virtual) for anyone in our community who is not an official member of Metro but interested in learning more about what membership means. Come hear from leaders and longtime members of Metro about our church's history and values, and discern for yourself whether membership is the right choice for you at this time. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org).



Metro Book Club

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.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm

In Metro's Sanctuary and on Zoom

You are invited to join us Wednesday, March 5 for a brief Ash Wednesday service. This service will be hybrid - you may join us in Metro's Sanctuary or on Zoom. *If you are joining us virtually, we encourage you to find some dirt or ash (and some oil to mix it with) to impose ashes on yourself and those who gather with you.*

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