



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.

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

PRELUDE

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
Who is my neighbor?
How can I help?
What do I have to learn?
Where is God in it all?
Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
So may we listen. May we learn.
May we stay curious, and may we look for God.
This is our invitation to lean in.
Let us worship our holy God.

PRAYER

Alan H. Green
Deacon

HYMN

"We Are Your People"



We are your peo - ple, Spir - it of grace; you dare to make us to all our neigh-bors
 2. Joined in com-mu - ni - ty, treas-ured and fed, may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live clos - er than neigh-bors, o - pen to stran-gers,
 4. Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see in all life's chang-ing where you are lead - ing,
 Give, as we ven - ture, jus - tice and care (peace-ful, re - sist - ing, wait - ing, or risk - ing)
 6. Spir - it, u - nite us; make us, by grace, will - ing and read - y, Christ's liv-ing bod - y,



Christ's liv-ing voice, hands, and face;	Christ's liv-ing voice, hands, and	face._____
will - ing to lead and be led;	will - ing to lead and be	led._____
a - ble to clash and for-give;	a - ble to clash and for -	give._____
where our best ef - forts should be;	where our best ef - forts should	be._____
wis - dom to know when and where;	wis - dom to know when and	where._____
lov - ing the whole hu - man race;	lov - ing the whole hu - man	race._____

PASSING THE PEACE & SUNG RESPONSE

Congregation



Oh, Lord, you are our Ma - ker. We are the clay,_____ you are the pot - ter.



We are the work of your hands. A - men. We will soar on wings like ea-gles,



We will run and not grow wear-y. We will walk and not faint._____ A - men.



Praise be to our Cre - a - tor. Praise be to our Re -



deem - er. Praise be to God on high. A - men.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

"Draw Near to One Another"
by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Joan Porter

Response:

**You are with us in darkness and in light
In desert and in oasis
In waiting and in going
In fasting and in feasting
In giving up and taking in
In sin and in forgiveness
In death and in resurrection
You are with us in darkness and in light**

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

PARTNERS FOR SACRED PLACES

Rev. Bridget Fidler

OFFERTORY

"Holy Ground"

Alan H. Green



Online Giving

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

DOXOLOGY

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

Luke 10:25-37

Michael Pfeifer

SERMON

"Stranger and Neighbor"

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Chalice 494

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

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“Holy Ground”: Words and Music by Geron Davis.

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The story of Lent is a story of messy middles. Jesus is on the road, but he’s not there yet. Jesus is telling stories, but the crowds don’t understand. Jesus is leading a parade, but it’s not the one they expected. Jesus is risen, but the disciples can’t forget the cross. The story of Lent, the story of our faith, is a story of messy middles and nuanced surprises. So this Lent, as we travel through the Gospel of Luke, we are remembering that faith is more

complex than this or that, black or white, true or false storytelling. This Lent, we are wading into the middle of these sacred texts to find God and to stretch our own understanding beyond the binaries our world so often gives. Welcome to an in-between Lent. This is the light before the dawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metro-RMM Feasibility Study

Over the next 3-4 months, Metro and RMM will be working with [Partners for Sacred Places](#) to conduct a fundraising feasibility study to address the next phases of work needed for our building. Leadership from Partners for Sacred Places are with us during and

after worship today to talk more about this process and to speak to some of our community members.



Metro New Membership Class

Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Metro Pastors, in coordination with our Deacons, have scheduled another opportunity 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 Midweek Gatherings for Lent

Wednesday, March 26 and Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Join us as we journey through this Lenten season together. In our upcoming midweek gatherings we will be pausing to come together and reflect on what it means to be living in the messy but beautiful in-betweens of this life. Reach out to Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) if you have any questions.

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