



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 Lent

March 30, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Michael Pfeiffer
Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is a shepherding God.
Our God knows us by name.
Our God will never stop searching for us.
So if you feel lost,
then know that God is seeking you.
If you feel found,
then know that God will never leave.
This is the promise of scripture.
This is the promise of God's love.
Let us worship our with-us God.

PRAYER

Susan Rutter
Deacon

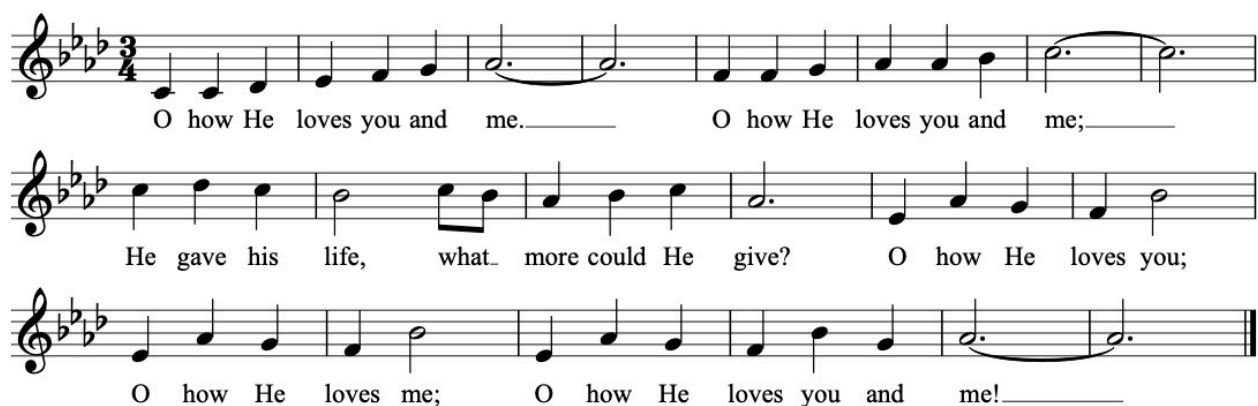
HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Chalice 687

PASSING THE PEACE & SONG RESPONSE

Congregation



LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

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LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

A Prayer for
Trans Day of Visibility

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo

**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. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Softly and Tenderly"

Laura Voss
Trevor Richardson
Michael Pfieffer



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 15:1-7

Dick Tye

SERMON

"Lost and Found"

Rev. Kym McNair

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Chalice 558

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 *Lost & Found* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity Inspired by Luke 15:1-7 | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Prelude: Words by Isaac Watts. Music: American Folk Melody. Arr by: Dan Kreider.

Call to Worship is written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

"In Christ There Is No East or West": Words by John Oxenham, Music by Alexander R. Reinagle.

"O How He Loves You and Me": Words and Music by Kurt Kaiser.

"Softly and Tenderly": Words and Music by Will L. Thompson.

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us": Words by Dorothy A. Thrupp. Music by William B. Bradbury.

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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 Midweek Gathering for Lent

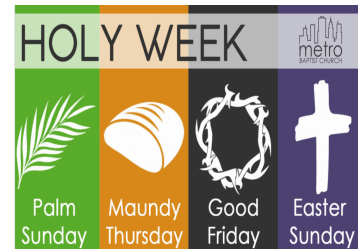
Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Join us as we journey through this Lenten season together. In our next upcoming midweek gathering, we will continue to pause 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.

Holy Week at Metro

The pastors of Metro look forward to commemorating the ritual of Holy Week with you next month. Join us for:

- **Palm Sunday** Service - April 13 at 11:00 AM
- **Holy Tuesday** - **April 15** at 7:00 PM presentation of *The Gospel of John* by Ken Jennings in person in Metro's sanctuary.
- **Maundy Thursday** Service - April 17 at 6:30PM (hybrid worship but in-person attendees are invited to join us at 6:00 PM for Matzo ball soup.)
- **Good Friday** - April 18 we will be offering different opportunities for reflection and meditation. More details to follow.
- **Easter Sunday** - April 20 at 11:00 AM. Sermon by Pastor Tiffany with a special performance by the Metro Choir. "Breaking of the fast" with special treats will take place before worship.



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