



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.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Living God,
long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news
of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.

Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true. Amen.

PRAYER

Marcus Wilborn
Deacon

HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

Chalice 218

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

"He is Lord"

Chalice 117

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



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

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"A Safe Place to Land"

Isabella Stansbury



Online Giving
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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

Acts 1:3-14

Dan Henkel

SERMON

"I Love the Ground You Walk On"

Rev. Kym McNair

HYMN

"He Lives"

Chalice 226

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

"Mercy Mercy Me"

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 an Ethiopian Orthodox depiction of Christ's ascension.

Prelude: Words and Music by Philip P. Bliss. Arranged by Mark Hayes.

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"Thine Is the Glory": Words by Edmond L. Budry. Music by George Frederick Handel.

"He is Lord": Words by Tom Fettle. Music is a Traditional melody.

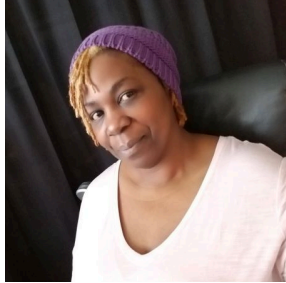
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"He Lives": Words and Music by Alfred H. Ackley.

Postlude: Written and performed by Marvin Gaye.

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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



Special Called Church Conference

Today - Immediately following Worship

Metro will call a brief church meeting to order at the close of today's worship service to vote on the request for ordination by former Metro-RMM minister, Jeanene Mutchler. You can read her full ordination request [here](#).

Sunday, April 27
12:30 – 3:00 PM
Metro Baptist Church

Join us for an afternoon of tours, snacks, and activities to celebrate the start of the 2025 farm season!

Please note that our roof is only accessible via 4 flights of stairs. We regret that we are not fully accessible yet.



Metro Second Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, May 4 - Immediately following Worship

Please plan to join Metro's hybrid congregational meeting next Sunday, May 4, following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. Full agenda & supporting documents will be sent out the week of the meeting.



Metro Midweek Gathering - Caregiver Support Circle

Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Join us for a special midweek gathering led by Metro Member and Deacon Cat Fernando-Rizzo. Cat is a therapist who specializes, among other things, in grief and trauma. She has graciously volunteered to lead this gathering on a topic that is so relevant to many of the members of our Metro community. Please reach out to Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) and Cat (catfernando98@gmail.com) with any questions.

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