



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 Easter*

*May 11, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

PRELUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
God makes me lie down in green pastures;  
and leads me beside still waters  
God restores my soul and leads me in right paths  
of justice and righteousness.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.**

PRAYER

Alan H. Green  
*Deacon*

HYMN

"Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"

Chalice 231

## The Congregation

## "We are an Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an

of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we

give to You, We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.

Rosie Fernando- Rizzo



# Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - A MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

Great Mother God

**Who created mothers**

And invented mothering,

**Mother us now:**

Into your peace and comfort,

**Into your nurturing love,**

Into the kindness of your presence,

**Into the shadow of your wings.**

We know that mothering takes many forms,

**And is done by many kinds of people**

In different ways and situations;

**Give us the wisdom of your mother-heart.**

We know that love is risky:

**There's always the possibility of pain,**

The risk of disappointment or loss.

**Give us the courage of your mother-heart.**

We bring to you the cares of the brokenhearted.

**We bring to you the pain of the disappointed.**

We bring to you the hardship of the overwhelmed.

**We bring to you the ache of the separated.**

Teach us the worth of our own souls,

**And the value of our existence.**

Give us your mother-love:

**To heal us,**

To nourish us,

**To share freely with the world.**

**Amen**

OFFERTORY

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Jason Watkins



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!

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|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SCRIPTURE     | Acts 9:36-43                       | Lorna Henkel                 |
| SERMON        | "The Resurrection Getup"           | Rev. Sarah Henkel            |
| HYMN          | "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" | Chalice 83                   |
| CLOSING WORDS |                                    | Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel |
| BENEDICTION   |                                    | Rev. Sarah Henkel            |
| POSTLUDE      |                                    | Laura Bergquist              |

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***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.

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## Service Notes

Cover art is "Tabitha Raised from the Dead!" by [Isaac Horton](#).

Prelude: Words by John Rippen. Music, Traditional American Melody arranged by Ken Medema.

Call to Worship is an excerpt from Psalm 23.

"Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us": Words by Ralph Wright. Music by Charles Anders.

"We Are an Offering": Words and Music by Dwight Liles.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand": Words by Thomas Andrew Dorsey. Music by George Nelson Allen.

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth": Words by Jean Janzen, based on Julian of Norwich. Music by Brent Stratten. Music reprinted by permission, OneLicense.net #A725088.

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## TODAY'S PREACHER

Rev. Sarah Henkel was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 2012. But she completed her Clinical Pastoral Education at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco, TX, so she's had some beautiful Baptist formation, too! Since 2012, she has served as Cross-Cultural Catalyst for Hudson River Presbytery, a Multifaith Resident of the Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center, and as Pastor of United Church of Middletown. She is currently living into her calling as a co-creator at Soul of the Movement, a project that mobilizes support for spiritual-social activists whose work is urgently needed in this time of ecosystem collapse but too often marginalized. Her heart finds home at Freedom Farm Community, a faith-rooted community and farm committed to sharing food with the Middletown, NY community and beyond. She spends many hours at Freedom Farm along with her spouse, Farmer Will Summers and their two kids who, amazingly, love to eat raw green things without too much coercion. The Henkel Summers family loves to be present with Metro via Zoom and is especially looking forward to being together in person!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Metro Annual Picnic in the Park

**Sunday, June 1 after worship, *Tentative***

Join us for our annual tradition of picnicking in the park to celebrate the beginning of summer. After worship, all local Metro members are invited to bring a comfortable chair, a blanket, and a snack/drink to share and meet us in the northwest corner of Sheep's Meadow in Central Park. Metro will also be bringing extra chairs and blankets for those who might need assistance carrying items. Please reach out to Pastor Jana ([jdye@mbcnyc.org](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org)) for more details.



### HKFP Youth Farm Internship Applications

**For NYC High School Students**

**Internship Dates: July 9 - August 14**

NYC high school students are invited to apply for the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project's Youth Farm Internship program which will run for 6 weeks this summer. The internship will be open to up to 12 students and will be a mix of classroom teaching, hands-on learning, and field trips. Students will learn about social justice, growing food in urban communities, sustainability, and cooking and preserving food with fresh ingredients. Interns will also be paid a modest weekly stipend. To learn more, visit [www.hkfp.org/internship-opportunities-](http://www.hkfp.org/internship-opportunities-)

HELL'S KITCHEN  
FARM PROJECT  
**CSA**



STRAIGHT FROM THE FARM TO YOUR TABLE

### Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

**Wednesday Pick Ups (4:30-7:30 PM): June 18 - October 29**

Also, are you interested in getting **more fresh vegetables into your diet**, while also supporting small, local farming? Well, we can help you! Join the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) to receive fresh produce for 20 weeks starting in early June, picked up every week at Metro. Full, half, and subsidized shares are available. You can also sign up for 10 weeks of fresh flowers! To learn more or to sign up, visit [www.hkfp.org/csa](http://www.hkfp.org/csa).



## **Ninth Avenue Food Festival**

**May 17-18**

As is tradition, Metro and RMM will host a booth at the annual Ninth Avenue Food Festival. This year, we will have just one booth to promote our rooftop farm, the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project. If you are interested in helping with our booth on either Saturday or Sunday, please reach out to RMM Food Justice Coordinator, Chrisaleen Ciro at [cciro@rmmnyc.org](mailto:cciro@rmmnyc.org).

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