



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"You Are My Hiding Place
with Bach's Invention XIII"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come here today hungering and thirsting for justice.
Jesus is the living bread who guides our path!
Feed us with your love and healing power—give us the bread of hope.
May it fill us with compassion and the will to feed others.
Praise be to you, loving God, for your compassion for us.
Praise be to you, God of justice, for your steadfast love and mercy.

PRAYER

Susan Rutter
Deacon

HYMN

"Let the whole Creation Cry"

Chalice 21

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

"We are an Offering"

We lift our voic-es,— we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es,— 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 voic-es,— 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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"In Your Presence"

Metro Choir

*In Your presence we are gathered
 As the people called by Your name.
 We are longing for Your spirit
 Now to come and set our hearts aflame.*



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

John 6:1-15

Ken Jennings

SERMON

"The Politics of Plenty:
Abundance from the Margins"

Lenyangerla (Alen)

HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

Chalice 537

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Lenyangerla (Alen)

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 a painting by Imtner Jamir, a native of Dimapur, Nagaland.

Prelude: Words and Music by Michael Lerner. Arranged by Laura Bergquist.

Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by Nancy C. Townley, posted on ministrymatters.com.

"Let the whole Creation Cry": Words by Stopper A. Brooke. Music by Robert Williams.

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

"In Your Presence": Words and Music by Ken Medema.

"My Hope Is Built": Words by Edward Mote. Music by William B. Bradbury.

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TODAY'S PREACHER



Lenyangerla (Alen) is from a village called Molungyimsen in Nagaland, India— a place that holds dearly the seed of the gospel sown by the American Baptist missionaries and the first Baptist church, established in 1872. She completed her Master of Sacred Theology (STM) from Union Theological Seminary last May. Alen invests her time and research on the indigenous rights of the people of Northeast India, human rights, and addressing the extremism of the present government. She is a resident staff member here at Metro and RMM providing support to all of our congregational and community programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ninth Avenue Food Festival

Continues through this afternoon!

As is tradition, Metro and RMM is hosting 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 in NYC today, stop by our booth and say hello to RMM Food Justice Coordinator, Chrisaleen Ciro, and our wonderful Metro/RMM staff and volunteers.



Metro Annual Picnic in the Park

Sunday, June 4 after worship

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) for more details.

**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.



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-

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