

Third Sunday After Pentecost



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.

June 29, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

Associate Pastor

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRELUDE

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Laura Bergauist

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship today O God, dreaming and hopeful.
Dreaming of acceptance, love, and belonging.

We dream of living exactly who we were made to be – authentic and true.

We are hopeful that love quells hate.

Jesus taught us that love should always win.

We hope this for ourselves and for all humankind. In the Spirit of Life and Love,

let us worship our God with Pride.

PRAYER Susan Rutter

Deacon



PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation



LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Explaining Jesus"

Isabella Stansbury



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!

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40 Ashton Barlow

Metro/RMM Summer Intern

SERMON "A Lesson in Pride: Rev. Danielle Dufoe

Jesus and the Ethiopian Eunuch"

HYMN "We Rest On Thee" See insert

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION Rev. Danielle Dufoe

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

Prelude is by H. Ernest Nichol (words and music). Arr. by Craig Curry.

Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy included in the 2021 Pride Service at St. Paul's United Church Scarborough.

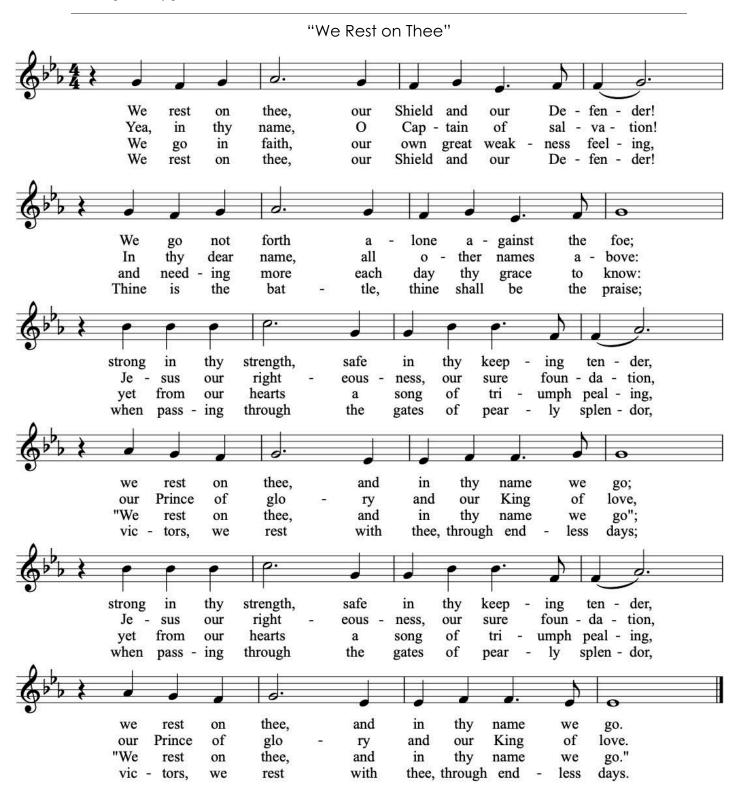
"We Are a Gentle, Angry People" is by Holly Near (words and music).

[&]quot;I Will Do a New Thing" is by Audrey Bird (words and music).

"Explaining Jesus" is by Jordy Searcy (words and music).

"We Rest on Thee" is by Edith Gilling (words) and Finlandia (music).

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TODAY'S PREACHER

Rev. Danielle Dufoe has spent the last 25 years helping vulnerable populations live longer, healthier lives. Her work is deeply rooted in her faith that affirms the love of God for all people. She serves as a Chaplain to homeless and exploited youth in Atlantic City, NJ. She is the first Black transgender woman in our country to graduate from a school of divinity and/or a seminary. A graduate of both Howard University School of Divinity and Columbia Theological Seminary, her ordination as a Baptist minister signifies for many the growing inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people within the church. A native of Camden, NJ, today she lives in Cape May, NJ with her puppy, Maestro.

Her guiding light can be found in Micah 6:8...to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us (if time allows) for the NYC Queer Liberation March (*Tentatively*) Immediately After Service

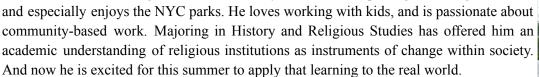
The 2025 Queer Liberation March will begin in the West Village at 11AM and will eventually make its way up to Columbus Circle via 8th Avenue. Depending on where the marchers are at the conclusion of our service, a few Metro folks plan to head over to 8th Avenue to take part as it nears the end. More information about the march can be found at their website: https://queermarch.org/

Welcome to our new summer interns!



Ashton Barlow is a senior at Nebraska Wesleyan University, majoring in Theatre Arts along with Religion and Philosophy. He has a passion for ministry and finding theatrical ways to share impactful messages. Fun fact about Ashton, he competes in Air Guitar Competitions under the name of Spirit Shredder! Welcome to Metro, Ashton!

Alex Friedman is an undergraduate student at Tufts University and a lifelong resident of Brooklyn. He loves exploring new neighborhoods







CLUE Camp Registration is Open!

All kids living in NYC who will be entering grades 1-6 in the fall are welcome to enroll in Clue Camp! Check out the CLUE Camp tab of our website to get more information and a link to sign up: https://rmmnyc.org/programs/clue-camp.



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project CSA

Get up to 20 weeks of fresh vegetables by joining our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. *Weekly deliveries start this Wednesday, so sign up today!* Prices and more details can be found at www.hkfp.org/csa.



Annual Giving Monthly Update

As part of our renewed efforts in stewardship education and transparency, the MBC trustees would like to begin giving monthly status updates on general offerings for the year as compared to our 2025 Budget. For more questions regarding stewardship, please feel free to reach out to Metro Trustee Sara Day (saraday468@gmail.com).

General offerings through end of May 2025: \$102,101.00 Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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