



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.

Third Sunday After Pentecost

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 Bergquist

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

“We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

The Congregation

“I Will Do a New Thing”

"I will do a new thing in you; I will do a new thing in you; What

ev - er you ask for, what - ev - er you pray for,

noth - ing shall be de - nied," sa-ith the Lord; sa-ith the Lord! Lord!

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

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! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

Ashton Barlow

Metro/RMM Summer Intern

SERMON

"A Lesson in Pride:
Jesus and the Ethiopian Eunuch"

Rev. Danielle Dufoe

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).

"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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"We Rest on Thee"



We rest on thee, our Shield and our De - fen - der!
Yea, in thy name, O Cap - tain of sal - va - tion!
We go in faith, our own great weak - ness feel - ing,
We rest on thee, our Shield and our De - fen - der!

We go not forth a - lone a - gainst the foe;
In thy dear name, all o - ther names a - bove:
and need - ing more each day thy grace to know:
Thine is the bat - tle, thine shall be the praise;

strong in thy strength, safe in thy keep - ing ten - der,
Je - sus our right - eous - ness, our sure foun - da - tion,
yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,
when pass - ing through the gates of pear - ly splen - dor,

we rest on thee, and in thy name we go;
our Prince of glo - ry and our King of love,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go";
vic - tors, we rest with thee, through end - less days;

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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 and especially enjoys the NYC parks. He loves working with kids, and is passionate about community-based work. Majoring in History and Religious Studies has offered him an academic understanding of religious institutions as instruments of change within society. And now he is excited for this summer to apply that learning to the real world.



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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