



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.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"He Is Exalted"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, who is granted the right to dwell in your sacred tent?
The one who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart.

God, who is granted the right to live on your holy mountain?
**The one who speaks only with love, who acts kindly towards their neighbor,
one who does not look down upon others.**

God, what kind of person are we called to be?
**A person of generosity and hospitality,
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**

PRAYER

Cat Fernando-Rizzo
Deacon

HYMN

"The Servant Song"

Chalice 490

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Chalice 261

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

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COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

"Prayer of St. Francis"

Metro Choir

Sarah Caldwell (soloist)



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

Genesis 18:1-10

Kathy Conry

SERMON

Rev. JD Granade

HYMN

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

Chalice 424

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. JD Granade

POSTLUDE

Service Notes

Cover art is “The Promise” (1996) by Renáta Fucíková from the book *Stories from the Old Testament*, published in France and the Czech Republic.

Prelude is by Twila Paris (words and music). Arranged by Laura Bergquist.

Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 15.

“The Servant Song” is by Richard Gillard (words and music). Arr. by Eugene Ellsworth.

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” is by Doris Akers (words and music).

“Prayer of St. Francis” is by St. Francis of Assisi (words) and Allen Poe (music).

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” is an *African-American Spiritual*.

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TODAY'S PREACHER



After several years of congregational ministry in Georgia and North Carolina, Rev. JD Granade joined the Metro community in October 2022. He received a bachelor's degree in drama from UNC Asheville and an MDiv from McAfee School of Theology before going on to work with children and teens, building relationships and fostering community through weekly programming. He developed a one-day after school program focused on education, arts, and of course play to meet the needs of families at his former church, First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, GA. JD's passion for people and love of theater has led him to feel at home here in NYC and with the Metro family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLUE Camp Week 2 Roundup

We had a great second week of camp led by First Baptist Church in Richmond, VA and our RMM summer staff. Kids and camp leaders took a field trip to the Intrepid Museum and we delved into stories of grief, righteous anger, and resistance. We look forward to the adventures to come in Week 3!

HKFP Farm Internship Week 2

This week our farm interns were hard at work on the Metro roof transplanting tomatoes, harvesting cucumbers, trellising pole beans, and managing our compost. They also learned about our food system here in New York City and visited the Hall of Science.



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project CSA

Get weeks of fresh vegetables by joining our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. ***Weekly deliveries have started but there is still room for you to join!*** 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 June 2025: \$118,740.00

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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