

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.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"And So It Goes"

Marcie Castro

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.
Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.
God asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.
Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.
Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.
Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy.

PRAYER

Cat Fernando-Rizzo
Deacon

*HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join To Sing"

Chalice 90

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ and I
know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord; _____ there are
sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ and I
know they feel the pres - ence of _____ the Lord. _____
Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove,
stay right here with _____ us, fill - ing us with _____ your love;
and for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise; _____ with-out a
doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place. _____

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"The Goodness of God"

Christine Solimeno



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

Luke 12:29-40

Ken Jennings

SERMON

"Beloved Stay Woke"

Minister J.W. Patterson

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Chalice 586

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Minister J.W. Patterson

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Make me Awake and Ready"

Christine Solimeno,
Marcie Castro

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: instrumental Billy Joel.

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

"Come, Christians, Join To Sing" is by Christian Henry Bateman (words). Music is a traditional Spanish Melody

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

"The Goodness of God" is by Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson. From Bethel Music.

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" is by Clara H. Scott (Words and Music).

Postlude is by Marcie Castro.

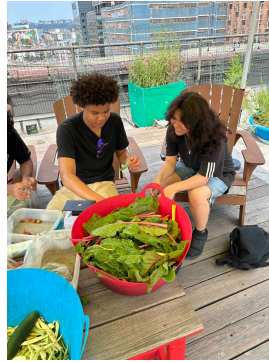
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TODAY'S PREACHER

Minister Jon-William Patterson is a 2025 graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey with a Master of Divinity and Black Church Studies Concentration. He is a member of the St Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC where he received his license in ministry. Jon-William holds an MSW from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice and a BA in History from Paine College in Augusta, GA. He has over 10 years of experience in social work in the areas of community organizing, education, foster care, HIV/AIDS, human rights, and mental health. He is a member of the Black Men at Penn and served as President of the Philadelphia Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Jon-William's passion for serving Jesus and serving others helped him to acknowledge and accept the call to ministry. One of his favorite scriptures is Philippians 2:13 "for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Youth Farm Internship Update

Metro's high school farm interns took a trip to New Jersey to visit our CSA farm partners. These young people worked hard harvesting a whole vanload of vegetables to bring back to the city for our CSA members and food pantry guests. Next week will be the 6th and final week of the program. We will miss having these amazing young people around each week!



RMM's 30 for 30 Online Campaign

August marks the 30th anniversary of Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, our church's social ministry non-profit that provides vital programs and services for approximately 15,000 individuals each year. To celebrate this milestone and help us build the foundation for another 30 years of serving hope, we are seeking to raise \$30,000 through [RMM's 30 for 30 Campaign](#). Scan QR code or follow link to make a dedicated contribution to RMM, and please share the campaign with your friends and wider network. Thank you for your support!



Home Café hosted by Susan Rutter Saturday, August 16 (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Come to Deacon Susan's apartment for pastries/cakes and tea/coffee! Donations taken for [RMM's 30 for 30 Campaign](#) to raise funds for needed programs and services. No need for a firm RSVP, but to figure numbers and get the address please reach out to Susan at susan.rutter@picadon.co.uk. Note: the apartment is a 6th floor walk-up.



Metro Grief Support Group

Led by Dr. Karissa Thacker

First Session: Monday, August 18 at 6:30 PM

Second Session: Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM

Starting in August, Metro will be offering a monthly grief support gathering via Zoom which will be led by Metro family member, Dr. Karissa Thacker. Whether you have experienced recent loss, are coping with long term grief, or simply navigating general sorrow in these trying times, you are invited to join Metro's monthly grief support group. For more information, contact Pastor Jana at jdye@mbcnyc.org.



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 July 2025: \$161,915.00

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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