

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.

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*August 17, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"Il. Summerlands"

Caleb McCarroll

CALL TO WORSHIP

A word of encouragement came from the prophet to the people;  
**Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply.**  
We are called to make our communities evermore inclusive and just.  
**We must keep God's Love at the center of everything.**  
We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts,  
For we know good things can happen here-  
**Things that reminds us that we can live as God desires**  
God has made a promise of faithfulness to us-  
**and we choose to trust that promise.**

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien  
*Deacon*

\*HYMN

"O For a World "

Chalice 683

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the king-dom of God and God's righ-teous-ness,  
Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you; seek and ye shall find,  
and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!  
knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY

"Troubled Water"

Caleb McCarroll



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

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Judith York

SERMON

"Hope in Hard Times"

Rev. Kym McNair

\*HYMN

"Community of Christ"

Chalice 655

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Alen (Lanyangerla)

POSTLUDE

"Les Barricades Mystérieuses"

Caleb McCarroll

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***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.

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**Service Notes**

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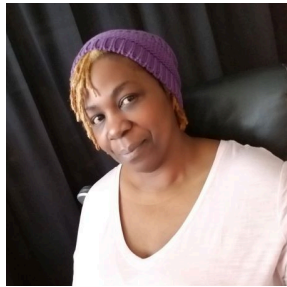
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**TODAY'S PREACHER**



Rev. Kym McNair is the Director of Social Transformation at My Sisters' Place, a domestic violence agency in Westchester county. She has worked with CONNECT Faith in their Safe Church Ending Child Sexual Abuse project, and she is also an anti-racist trainer and organizer with The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a multigenerational, multiethnic collective based in New Orleans. Kym holds ordinations in the National Baptist Church and American Baptist Churches-USA. She finds restoration in early morning walks with her rescue dog, Simba, and in tending to her vegetable and flower gardens.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Youth Farm Internship Final Week**

This week we wrapped up our 6th and final week of the farm internship. This week, our teens took a field trip to the Javits Center and helped ROCC leaders cook lunch for our migrant clients. They were also able to heat/storm proof the plants on the roof to protect our little farm from the challenging weather we've been experiencing lately. And they ended the week making zucchini relish and throwing a little closing party. We've had a great summer and we'll miss having these kind and smart young people around every week!

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**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!

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## 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](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org).

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## Fully Virtual Worship - Sunday, August 31

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96255562220?pwd=wA7Nl8fq7NdpyGAq6MFafn6A6c6H8Z.1>

Please note that Metro's worship service will be fully virtual on Sunday, August 31, 2025 (Labor Day weekend). **There will be no in person worship that day**, but we invite everyone to join online from wherever you are on this holiday weekend. More information to come.

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## 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](mailto: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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