



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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Somewhere"

Sarah Baumgarten
Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are lonely and feeling lost,
God brings us hope and peace.
When we are angry and frustrated,
God heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.
When we are sorrowful and broken,
God binds up our wounds with God's healing love.
Come, let us worship the one who cares so abundantly for us.
Let us worship our caring God.

PRAYER

Laura Bergquist
Deacon

*HYMN

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Chalice 651

*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

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Nathan Cheesman

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY

"A Horse with Wings"

Sarah Baumgarten



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

Jeremías 29:1-14

Jessica Tezen

SERMON

"Hope in Hard Times, Pt. 2"

Rev. Kym McNair

*HYMN

"I Need You to Survive"

See insert

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

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

Cover art is "Shanghai Street Scene" by David Ludwig Bloch, 1949, *Art in Exile*, Leo Baeck Institute.

Prelude is from *West Side Story*, by Stephen Sondheim (words) and Leonard Bernstein (music).

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

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" is Catherine Cameron (words) and William Moore (music).

"Seek Ye First" is by Karen Lafferty (words and music).

"A Horse with Wings" is by Ricky Ian Gordon (words and music).

"I Need You to Survive" is by David Frazier (words and music).

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"I Need You to Survive"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and accessible, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are centered under the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I need you, you need me. We're all a part of God's bo - dy.

Stand with me, a - gree with me. We're all a part of God's bo - dy.

It is God's will that ev' - ry need be sup - plied. You are im - port -

- ant to me. I need you to sur - vive. You are im - port - tant to me. I

need you to sur - vive. I pray for you, you pray for me.

I love you, I need you to sur - vive. I won't harm you

with words from my mouth. I love you, I need you to sur - vive.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!



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.



Metro Grief Support Group

Led by Dr. Karissa Thacker

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

This past week, Metro offered the first of what will be a monthly grief support gathering via Zoom led by Metro family member, Dr. Karissa Thacker. It was a very meaningful time for all who were able to attend. 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 for our next gathering, which will take place next month. For more information, contact Pastor Jana at jdye@mbcnyc.org.



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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