



*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*



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.

*August 31, 2025*

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#### OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

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

#### PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Jesse Warkentin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.  
We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship,  
leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.  
We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge,  
for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.

Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves,  
your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

We respond to the Spirit's leading  
and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

#### PRAYER

Alan H. Green  
*Deacon*

#### HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Chalice 4

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

OFFERTORY

"Here, God is Here"

Jesse Warkentin



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

Psalms 19:1-6

Claire McConnell

SERMON

Lenyangerla (Alen)

HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Chalice 433

CLOSING WORDS

Lenyangerla (Alen)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE

"Piano in the Park"

Jesse Warkentin

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### Service Notes

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Prelude is arranged by M. Sherrill Kelsey.

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"Holy, Holy, Holy" is by Reginald Heber (words) and John B. Dykes (music).

"Here, God is Here" is by Rick Vale and Sandi Patty (words and music).

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" is by John Fawcett (words) and Lowell Mason (music).

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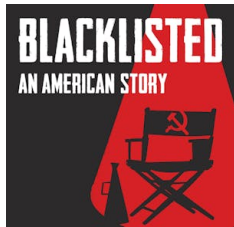
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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!

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### Blacklisted: An American Story

**Friday, September 12 at 6pm**

Join some of our Metro family for a trip to the New York Historical to see the exhibition Blacklisted: An American Story, on the effect of the Red Scare on Hollywood and theatre. Friday 12th September, we will meet outside the museum at 6pm. The museum is pay what you wish on Friday evenings. Afterwards, Isabella and Matt have kindly offered to host drinks at their apartment, around 5-10 minutes

away. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deacon Susan Rutter ([susan.rutter@picadon.co.uk](mailto:susan.rutter@picadon.co.uk)) who is organizing this excursion.

**Accessibility note: Matt and Isabella's apartment is also inhabited by one very cute and small *but* non-hypoallergenic dog named Theo.**

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

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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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