

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.

*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*September 7, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

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

PRELUDE

"The Solid Rock"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain  
or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.  
**Wherever we go, God knows our name.**

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up  
until you lay your head down again, God knows you.  
**Whatever we do, God knows our name.**

However you live, from your inner thoughts  
to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.  
**However we live, God knows our name.**

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.  
**We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully  
and wonderfully made by God, who knows our name!**

PRAYER

Marcus Wilborn  
*Deacon*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

\*HYMN

"We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

Chalice 64

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"I Will Do a New Thing"

"I will do a new thing in you; I will do a new thing in you; What  
ev - er you ask for, what - ev - er you pray — for,  
noth - ing shall be — de - nied," sa - ith the Lord; sa - ith the Lord! Lord!

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line, which includes a first ending (marked '1.') and a second ending (marked '2.'). The lyrics are written below the notes.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

*Pastor*

OFFERTORY

"God Turn It Around"

Alan H. Green

with Claire McConnell



Online Giving

Isabella Stansbury, & Jason Watkins

<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

II Thessalonians 2:13-17

Metro Youth & Children

SERMON	"Collective Remembrance"	Rev. Kym McNair
*HYMN	"Here I Am, Lord"	Chalice 452
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS		Metro Pastors
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Jana Dye
BENEDICTION		Rev. Kym McNair
POSTLUDE		

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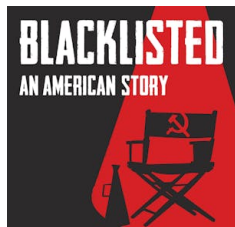
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Blacklisted: An American Story

**Friday, September 12 at 6pm**

Join some of our Metro family for a trip to the New York Historical Society 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-RMM Feasibility Study Survey

Over the last few months, Metro and RMM have been working with [Partners for Sacred Places](#) to conduct a fundraising feasibility study to address the next phases of work needed for our building. Leadership from Partners for Sacred Places have met personally with some members of the Metro congregation and well as wider community members during this time, and now they are interested in getting some basic feedback from anyone who didn't do an interview over the last few months.

**To share your feedback, please use the link or QR code to access a short survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/metrobaptist>



## 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!



## 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).



## 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 August 2025: \$178,233.00**

**Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00**

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## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Leader: Loving God, These backpacks remind us that a new school year is beginning. We pray for your blessing upon their owners and upon all students, young and old, as they begin this new school year.

**All: Bless all teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, office staff, and others who work in the schools in our community every day. May these educational leaders be a means of support and learning to the students in their care.**

Leader: May this year be full of promise for students and teachers alike:

**All: A promise of new beginnings**

Leader: A promise of friendship with classmates and colleagues that refresh the spirit.

**All: A promise to grow in knowledge and wisdom.**

Leader: A promise of safety for each classroom and mutual respect for each student and teacher.

Leader: We are called to be part of your work in the world. You have given each one of us gifts and strengths to use in that work. Help each of these students to discover and develop their gifts and strengths.

**All: Remind them that whatever their gifts, they are reflecting your spirit when they are kind and caring to others, when they respect others and themselves, and when they contribute even in small ways to make things better in the world around them.**

Leader: Bless the parents, caregivers and guardians who support these and all children. Guide them as they balance the joys and challenges of school, work, play, and caring for their children and themselves.

**All: We surround these young people, teachers, educational leaders, and their families with our love, support, and blessing as they go forth. Amen**