



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.

*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*September 14, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

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

PRELUDE

"There Is a Fountain"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes we feel small and insignificant.  
But then God provides a tree for us to climb so that we can see our own goodness.  
That tree is faithfulness, compassion, love, hope, joy.  
We are given the opportunity to witness God's presence in our lives.

**God, help remind us when we forget about how much we are loved.**  
**Open our hearts to receive this invitation in worship today.**

PRAYER

Cat Fernando-Rizzo  
*Deacon*

\*HYMN

"Alleluia! Hear God's Story"

Chalice 330

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"We Are an Offering"

Music score for the congregational response "We Are an Offering". The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You, We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering. We lift our offering." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and lyrics.

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

"Something Beautiful"

Daron Cockerell



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 19:1-10	Paula Nance
SERMON	"Collective Belonging"	Rev. Kym McNair
COMMUNION		Metro Pastors
*HYMN	"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"	Chalice 490
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
BENEDICTION		Rev. Kym McNair
POSTLUDE		

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### Service Notes

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Prelude is a *Traditional American Melody*, arranged by Mark Hayes.

Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by Nancy C. Townley, posted to [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).

"Alleluia! Hear God's Story" is a *Polish Folk Melody* (music), by Mary Anne Parrott (words).

"We Are an Offering" is by Dwight Liles (words and music).

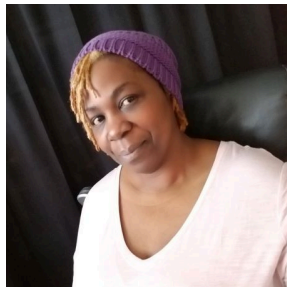
"Something Beautiful" is by Lynn Ahrens (words) and Stephen Flaherty (music).

"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant" is by Richard Gillard (words and music).

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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



#### Metro-RMM Feasibility Study Survey

Over the last few months, Metro and RMM have been working with [Partners for Sacred Places](http://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>



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## **Metro Grief Support Group**

**Led by Dr. Karissa Thacker**

**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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## **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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## **9/11 Memorial Tour led by Christina Ray Stanton**

**Sunday, September 21, Immediately after worship**

Metro community member Christina Stanton will be leading a Metro tour in honor of the 24th anniversary month of the September 11 attacks. She will offer her knowledge and experience as both a tour guide and a neighborhood survivor. She will lead all who want to join down to the World Trade Center after worship. The tour will last approximately 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Reach out to Pastor Jana ([jdye@mbcnyc.org](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org)) if you have any questions.



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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 August 2025: \$178,233.00**

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

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