



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.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Micah Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator and Sustainer God,
you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation and through loving all our siblings.
Open our hearts in compassion to receive these invitations-
on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

PRAYER

Susan Rutter
Deacon

*HYMN

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy"

See insert on
next page

** Please stand as you are able.*

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 19:16-31

Joe Bergquist

SERMON

"The Great Chasm"

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

*HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

Chalice 526

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE

Micah Young

Service Notes

Cover art is an illustration called "Children in the Shadows" by Hokyoung Kim.

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"The Gift of Love" is a Traditional English melody adapted and written by Hal H. Hopson.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome, Stephena George!

RMM/Metro's Newest Staff Member

Here are some words of introduction from Stephena herself:

"Hi everyone, my name is Stephena George. I'm a student at Union Theological Seminary, pursuing a Master of Sacred Theology. I'm originally from Chennai (Madras) in southern India. My passion and hope is to see young people actively involved in the life of the church. In my free time, I enjoy painting and drawing. I'm so grateful to begin my journey with Metro Baptist Church and look forward to getting to know you all."

Among some other responsibilities, Stephena will be working with Metro's children and youth and leading them in their regular Sunday lesson time. We're so excited to have Stephena with us and we look forward to getting to know her more in the coming weeks.



Memorial for Shannah Rae

TENTATIVE DATE: Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 PM

Metro Baptist Church Sanctuary (and will also be streamed virtually)

Beloved Metro member, Shannah Rae, passed away suddenly on September 19 after a brief illness. We are planning a memorial service to be held in Metro's sanctuary on Sunday, October 26. All are invited to join in person or online. Please hold the date and time for now. Full details and updated information can be found at: <https://mbcnyc.org/shannah-rae>



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>



Metro Grief Support Group

Led by Dr. Karissa Thacker

Monday, October 13 at 6:30 PM

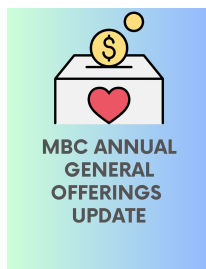
Metro has begun offering a monthly grief support gathering via Zoom which is led by Metro family member, Dr. Karissa Thacker. Whether you have experienced recent loss, are coping with long term grief, or simply navigating general sorrow in these trying times, you are invited to join Metro's monthly

grief support group. The next gathering will be Monday, October 13 at 6:0 PM Eastern. For more information, contact Pastor Jana at jdye@mbcnyc.org.



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!



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 August 2025: \$178,233.00

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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