

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.

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

*January 12, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

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

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

PRELUDE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

God listens to us in times of joy and in times of trouble.  
**We call out to God in our times of anxiety and fear.**  
God will not turn away from us.  
**God will comfort us and remind us that we are not alone.**  
Let the God of life enter into our spirits today.  
**God, come to us and be our companion,**  
**help us to heal our brokenness and sorrow.**

PRAYER

Ronnie Adams  
*Deacon*

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(attached below)

PASSING THE PEACE

Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHyh>

## COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

OFFERTORY

"My Prayer for You"

Isabella Stansbury



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

Genesis 21:14-19

Ken Jennings

SERMON

"Light in the Never-Ending Shade – Part II" Rev. Kym McNair

HYMN

"I'll Praise My Maker"

Chalice 20

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Jesse Warkentin

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***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.

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### Service Notes

The cover art is "Hagar and Ishmael" by Alan Jones.

Prelude is arranged by M Sherrill Kelsey.

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness": Words: Thomas O. Chisholm. Music: William M. Runyan.

"My Prayer for You": Words & Music by Michael Farren and Jessica Campbell.

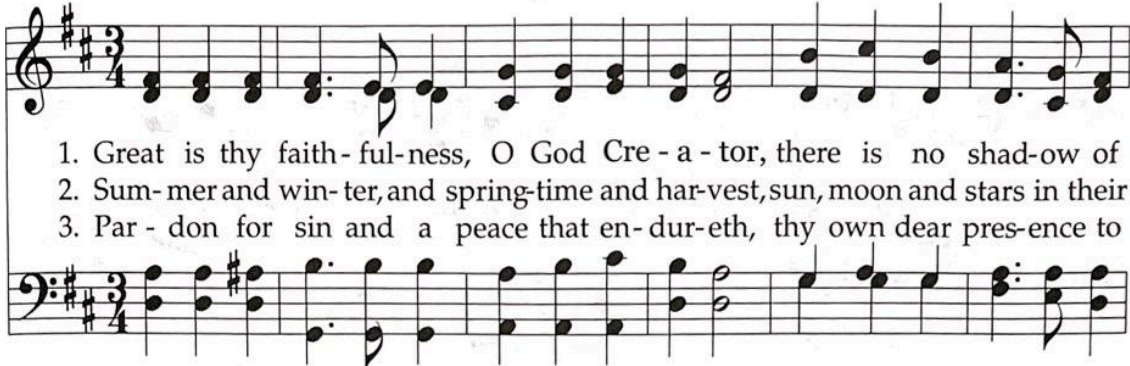
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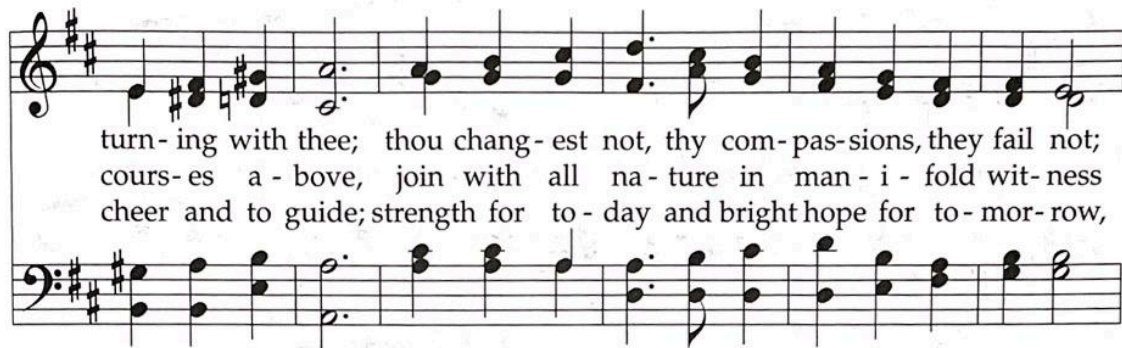
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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

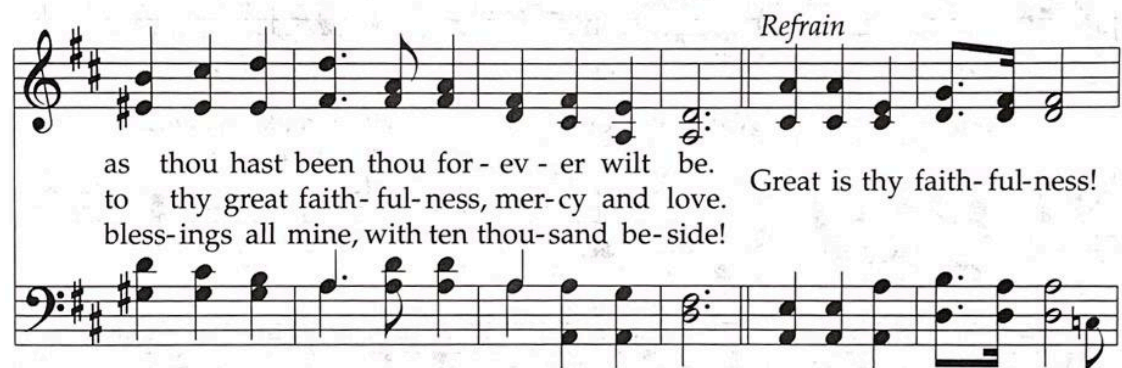
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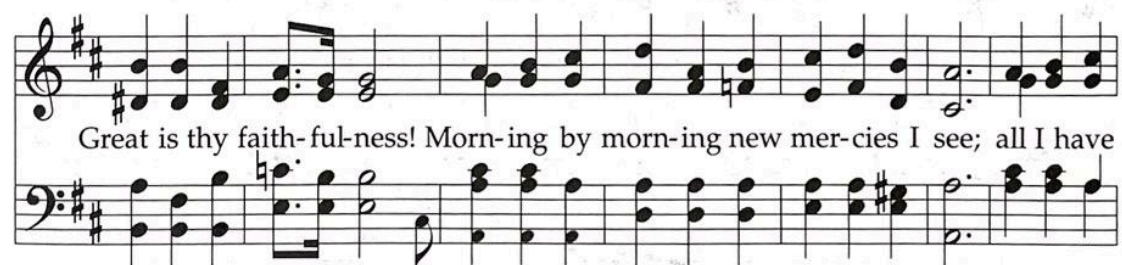
1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God Cre-a-tor, there is no shad-ow of  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to



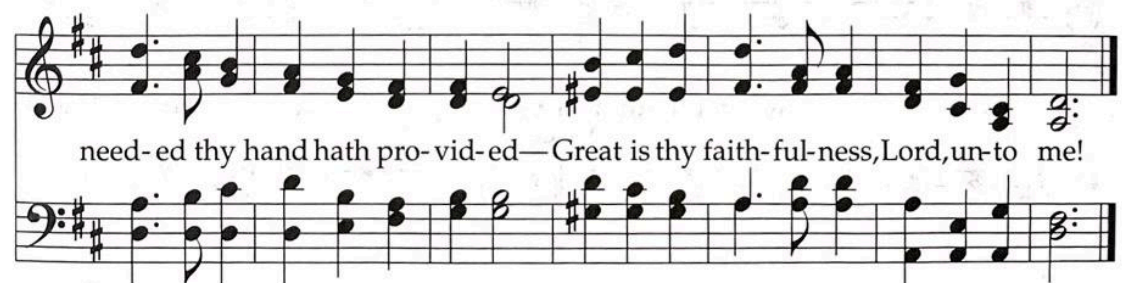
turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
 cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
 cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,



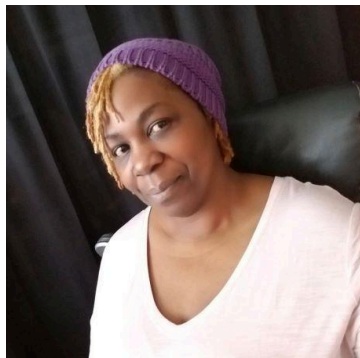
*Refrain*  
 as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!



## 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



### Winter Clothing Closet

**Mondays (November - March)**

**Distribution: 10:15-11:30 AM | Volunteer Needs: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet resumes this week and we need YOUR HELP during these coldest months.



**CLOTHING DONATIONS:** We are in great need of the following new or gently used clothing items for adults: heavy winter coats, sweatshirts/sweaters, joggers/jeans, t-shirts, hats, gloves, scarves and underwear. You can drop off donations here at Metro. To see a full list of clothing needs and links where you might purchase specific items, visit <https://rmmnyc.org/programs/winter-clothing-closet>

**VOLUNTEERS:** Each Monday, we will be in need of 15-20 volunteers to help distribute clothing to those in need. You can sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities by scanning QR above.

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## Charitable Giving Statements

2024 Giving Statements will be **sent out by email only** by January 31, 2025. If you do not receive the weekly church e-letter, if you have a new email address, or if you have any doubt the office has your email address, please send it to [billing@mbcnyc.org](mailto:billing@mbcnyc.org).



### Virtual Midweek Gathering

**Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM Eastern**

We will continue to host monthly online midweek gatherings in 2025. Metro community members (as well as guests) near and far are invited each month for these times of study, discussion, prayer and connection. Our first gathering of the year will be **Wednesday, January 22** which will be an Epiphany-themed discussion time **led by Pastor Jana**. Link will be sent out week of gathering. See you there!





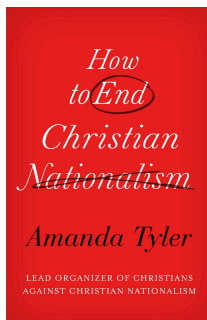
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## Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference for 2025

Sunday, February 9 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's congregational meeting on February 9 following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. The primary agenda will be to approve the 2025 budget. Full agenda and supporting documents will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

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## Metro Book Club

**Tentative Book Club Date: Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

In 2025, Metro will be starting a book club! You are invited to join as you have interest and availability to gather with others to discuss books that might enrich, inspire and encourage us. The first book we will read and discuss is ***How to End Christian Nationalism***, a new book written by Amanda R. Tyler, executive director of BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty) and the lead organizer of BJC's Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign. You can read more about this book and find links to purchase the book at <https://www.endchristiannationalism.com/>. If interested in joining this discussion, go ahead and get the book and begin reading. If you would like to join, but need assistance purchasing the book, reach out directly to Pastor Tiffany at [thenkel@mbcnyc.org](mailto:thenkel@mbcnyc.org). More details to come.

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