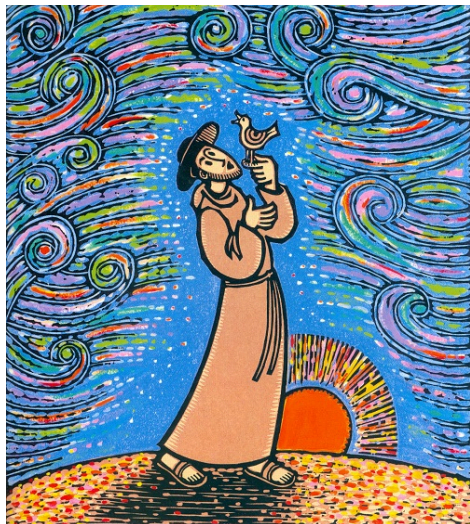




To all who are weary and need rest
To all who mourn and need comfort
To all who are lonely and need friendship
To all who are complacent and need disturbing
To all who sin and need a savior
To all who are glad and would serve
This church opens wide its doors.

St. Francis & World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"A Hudson Cycle"

Caleb McCarroll

CALL TO WORSHIP

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

— e.e. cummings

PRAYER

Alan H. Green
Deacon

HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chalice 56

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

CREATION PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

"Morning Has Broken"

Laura Voss



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 AND SACRED READING

Genesis 1: 20-31

"Luke," by Mary Oliver

Maren Holman
Stephen Bouchard

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Dr. Troy Messenger
Sara Day
Carole Collins and Leslie Lowe

COMMUNION & PET BLESSINGS

Chrisaleen Ciro
Rev. Dr. Troy Messenger
Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

HYMN

"God, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

Chalice 439

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE

"Young Birches, Op. 128, No. 2"

Caleb McCarroll

Service Notes

Cover art is an illustration by David Frampton.

Prelude is by Nico Muhly.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" is by Folliot S. Pierpoint (words) and William Henry Monk (music).

"This Is the Day" is by Les Garrett (words and music).

"Luke" is by Mary Oliver, *Dog Songs*, 2013.

"Morning Has Broken" is by Eleanor Farjeon and Yusuf Islam (music).

"God, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" is by John Fawcett (words). Music from *The Methodist Hymnal and Tune Book*.

Postlude is by Amy Beach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metro-RMM Feasibility Study Survey Survey Deadline: TODAY

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.



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>



RMM's 30 for 30 Online Campaign

This year 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 September 2025: \$197,467.24

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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