



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.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"Flight"

Ed Goldschneider

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you known the God of the suffering and the downtrodden-
The God of Hagar and Ruth? The God of the hungry, the enslaved, and the incarcerated?
Yes, we know this God and surely this God knows us.
Have you heard the gospel of the oppressed:
the stories of liberation, freedom, and salvation?
Yes, we have heard this story and surely this story lives in us.
We know and we have heard that God is good.
Indeed, God is good and God lives in the hearts of those who fight for justice.

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

*HYMN

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Chalice 631

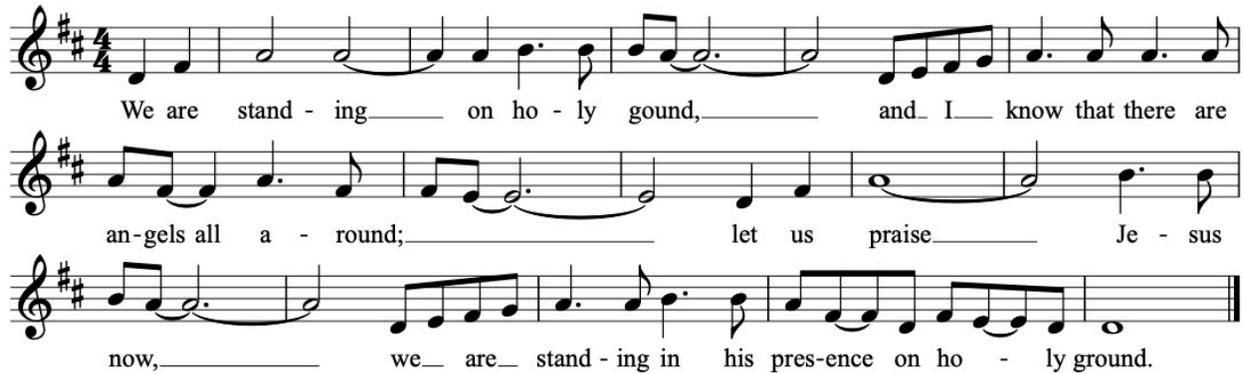
PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

“Holy Ground”



We are stand - ing on ho - ly gound, and I know that there are
 an-gels all a - round; let us praise Je - sus
 now, we are stand - ing in his pres-ence on ho - ly ground.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey
<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

“I Will Make Thunder”

Claire McConnell



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

2 Kings 5:1-4; 9-14

Connie Brown

SERMON

“The Defiant Ones”

Rev. Kym McNair

*HYMN

"My Life Flows On"

Chalice 619

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Ed Goldschneider

Service Notes

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Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy that appeared in the Waterford United Church [Order of Service](#) on February 23, 2019.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" is by James Weldon Johnson (words) and J. Rosamond Johnson (music).

"Holy Ground" is by Geron Davis (words and music).

"I Will Make Thunder" is by Lynne Shankel (words and music).

"My Life Flows On" is by Robert Lowry (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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metro Church Business Meeting

TODAY, February 8 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference of 2026 today following worship in-person & via Zoom. Full agenda with supporting documents can be found via this link or the QR code:

[1st Quarterly Church Conference of 2026](#)

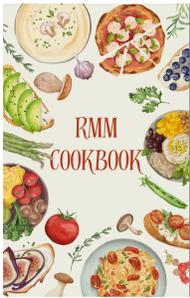


"Souper" Bowl Potluck is in the rear of the sanctuary for those joining in person.

Deacon Nominees



After a nomination and review process in late 2025, the deacons and pastors are excited to present for affirmation **Carole Collins** (1st term) and **Maren Holmen** (1st term) as our 2026-2028 Deacon Class. A **vote to affirm Carole and Maren will be held today** after the service during the 1st Quarterly Church Conference. An installation service will be scheduled at a later date. Carole and Maren will join the full Deacon body which also includes Laura Bergquist, Cat Fernando-Rizzo, Julia O'Brien and Susan Rutter. *Special thanks to outgoing deacons Alan H. Green and Marcus Wilborn.* Contact alanhgreen@aol.com with any questions.



Metro/RMM Cookbook

Deadline: February 15

Please contribute to the new edition of the Metro Baptist (and RMM!) cookbook! We're particularly interested in any recipes you have associated with a Metro/RMM memory, including your potluck go-tos or your crowd-pleasing batched cocktail recipes. We'd also love your recipes for cozy weeknight dinners or fool proof deserts. Reach out to Chrisaleen Ciro (cciro@rmmnyc.org) with any questions and scan the QR code below to submit.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm

In Metro's Sanctuary and on Zoom

You are invited to join us Wednesday, February 18 for a brief Ash Wednesday service. This service will be hybrid - you may join us in Metro's Sanctuary or on Zoom. *If you are joining us virtually, we encourage you to find some dirt or ash (and some oil to mix it with) to impose ashes on yourself and those who gather with you.*



Lenten Themed Art Making Workshop

Sunday, February 22 following morning worship

Continuing our Metro Mindfulness monthly events, Metro Deacons Laura Bergquist and Julia O'Brien have planned an art workshop led by two of our favorite Metro artists, Glenn and Deborah Doering. Join us in Metro's sanctuary for this 1.5-2 hour contemplative experience.



Winter Clothing Closet

Most Mondays through March 22, 2026

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

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet is open and we need YOUR HELP!



CLOTHING DONATIONS: We are in great need of the following new or gently used clothing items for adults: heavy winter coats (LARGER MEN'S COATS ARE MOST NEEDED), sweatshirts/sweaters, joggers/jeans, t-shirts, hats, gloves, scarves and underwear. You can drop off donations here at Metro.

VOLUNTEERS: Each Monday, we could use up to 10 additional volunteers to help distribute clothing to those in need. You can sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities by scanning QR above.



Annual Giving Monthly Update

Thank you for supporting the ministry and work of Metro Baptist Church through your tithes and offerings. For more questions regarding our stewardship efforts & focus, please feel free to reach out to Metro Trustee Sara Day (saraday468@gmail.com).

General offerings through end of December 2025: \$270,090.40

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

Charitable Giving Statements

2025 giving statements were sent out by email at the end of January. If you did not receive one in your inbox that you were expecting or if you have a question about the one you did receive, please email billing@mbcnyc.org. Thank you for your ongoing support of Metro Baptist Church and Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.

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