

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 Lent*

*March 1, 2026*

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OPENING WORDS

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

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

PRELUDE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!  
**God loves you more than you could imagine.**  
Tell me something good!  
**God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.**  
Tell me something good!  
**God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**  
This is good news indeed!  
**Let us worship our compassionate God.**

PRAYER

Cat Fernando-Rizzo  
*Deacon*

\*HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"  
*Verses 1, 4, 5*

Chalice 91

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

“Through It All”

Through it all, \_\_\_\_\_ through it all, \_\_\_\_\_ I've learned to trust in Je - sus. I've  
learned to trust in God; through it all, \_\_\_\_\_  
through it all, \_\_\_\_\_ I've learned to de - pend up-on God's word. \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

“If God Lived Next Door”

Kathy Conry

by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Response:

**You are with us in darkness and in light**

**In desert and in oasis**

**In waiting and in going**

**In fasting and in feasting**

**In giving up and taking in**

**In sin and in forgiveness**

**In death and in resurrection**

**You are with us in darkness and in light**

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

Metro Choir



Online Giving

<http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 25:31-40	Joe Bergquist
WORDS OF REFLECTION		Rev. Jana Dye
DEACON TESTIMONIES		Carole Collins, Maren Holmen
DEACON INSTALLATION (see attachment)		
RESPONSE	“What Does the Lord Require for Praise”	Chalice 659
COMMUNION		Metro Pastors and Deacons
*HYMN	“We, Your People, God, Confessing”	Chalice 356
CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION		Rev. Jana Dye
POSTLUDE		Laura Bergquist

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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**

Cover Art is “See You” by T. Denise Anderson. Inspired by Matthew 25:35-40 | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

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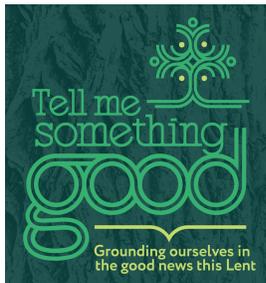
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“What Does the Lord Require for Praise” is by Jim Strathdee (words and music).

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**This Lent, we are going back to our roots, back to the teachings and ways of Christ.** Jesus’ ministry is often described as “radical” which comes from a Latin word meaning “root” or “ground.” Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God’s unending grace. As we will discover during this season, the good news is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent...and alive in the world! This Lent, may the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. **Let the good news ground us!** And let that good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Metro Midweek Gatherings for Lent

Wednesday, March 11 and March 25 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

You're invited to two midweek gatherings for the Lenten season led by Pastor Jana. Our discussions will center around our theme for this year, *"Tell Me Something Good"*. Amidst a season that can be heavy, we will explore what it means to live into the "good news" that Jesus reminds us of. Please reach out to Pastor Jana ([jdye@mbcnyc.org](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org)) if you have any questions.



### Winter Clothing Closet

Most Mondays through March 23, 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 & CLOTHING 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](mailto:saraday468@gmail.com)).

**General offerings as of February 12, 2026: \$9,315.72**

**Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00**

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## LITANY FOR THE DEACON INSTALLATION OF CAROLE COLLINS AND MAREN HOLMEN

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel: We are privileged to join with God in recognizing the gifts and leadership of Carole Collins and Maren Holmen. God is the one who calls each for service as a deacon; we gather today to vocalize and affirm that call. Do you, as children of God created in God's image, answer God's call to participate in ministry here at Metro?

**Carole: I do.**

**Maren: I do.**

Rev. Jana Dye: The service of a deacon is not a solitary venture; it is done within the Body of the church. Do we, the congregation and community of Metro, the family and friends of Carole and Maren, acknowledge their gifts and affirm their acceptance of the role of Deacon? Do we promise to encourage them in their ministries to us?

**Congregation: We do.**

Julia O'Brien: God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Christ in a special way. You know who we are and you understand the work we do together. Within our common ministry we recognize some as deacons, remembering that Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the deacon of all, and if an individual wants to be first among you, that person must be the servant of all. So, on behalf of this church, we ask you now:

Will you serve as a deacon in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually rely upon the Holy Spirit for guidance?

**Carole: I will.**

**Maren: I will.**

Laura Bergquist: Do you affirm this church's understanding of Baptist faith and practice? Will you be a friend to your fellow servants in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

**Carole: I do and I will.**

**Maren: I do and I will.**

Suan Rutter: Will you govern the way you live, by following the Lord Jesus Christ, loving neighbors, and working for the reconciliation of the world?

**Carole: I will.**

**Maren: I will.**

Car Fernando-Rizzo: Will you seek to serve the people of this congregation and all those we touch with energy, intelligence, imagination, compassion, and the justice of Jesus Christ?

**Carole: I will.**

**Maren: I will.**

Rev. Jana Dye: Do we, the members of this church, accept Carole and Maren as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to the ministry of Deacon and to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel: And do we agree to encourage them as they join with our pastors, staff, and deacons in guiding us as we seek to serve Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**