



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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenten travelers, the journey is long.
Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.
In God we can find our rest.
Sometimes the road is easy,
and we bask in the warmth of the Light that guides us.
**Other times the road is hard,
and we hide from the Light or the Light is hidden from us.**
Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.
**Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge
and condemn one another as we travel this path.**
Today, let us come into the Light together
as we learn to love God and one another
through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.
Come, let us worship God together!

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

*HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Chalice 6

** Please stand as you are able.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“In the Name of the Lord”

There is strength in the name of the Lord;_ there is power in the name of the Lord;_ there is hope in the name of the Lord!_ Bless-ed is he_ who comes in the name of the Lord!

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

“Unwritten Agreement”

Deborah Doering

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

“Heal the World”

Alan H. Green



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 19:13-15	Sara Day
SERMON	"And How Are The Children?"	Rev. Kym McNair
*HYMN	"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"	Chalice 684
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
BENEDICTION		Rev. Kym McNair
POSTLUDE		Laura Bergquist

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.

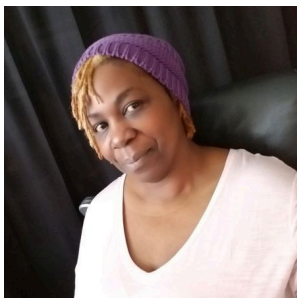
Service Notes

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"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" is by John J. Schütz, tr. by Frances E. Cox (words) and music is Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, harmony by Maurice F. Bell.
"In the Name of the Lord" is by Phill McHugh, Gloria Gaither (words), Sandi Patty (words and music).
"Heal the World" is by Michael Jackson (words & music).
"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" is by Ruth Duck (words) and Robert Lowry (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.

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



Feasibility Study Town Hall

Sunday, March 22 After Worship In-Person & on Zoom

During 2025, Metro participated in a fundraising feasibility study with Partners for Sacred Places. Over 40 congregation & community members participated in interviews & surveys regarding the needs of our church building and potential for a capital campaign. The [final report](#) of that study is now available (scan QR) and Metro Trustees invite you to attend a church “town hall” conversation facilitated by Sara Day on March 22 following worship. All are invited to join, and feel free to come with questions or comments. Contact Metro Trustee, Sara Day, with any questions ahead of time (saraday468@gmail.com).



Metro Midweek Gatherings for Lent

Wednesday, 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) if you have any questions.



Winter Clothing Closet

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).

General offerings as of February 2026: \$36,036.79

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00



2026
HOLY WEEK



Please mark your calendars and more details to come.

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