



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 of Lent*

*March 22, 2026*

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OPENING WORDS

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

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

PRELUDE

“In Christ Alone”

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn,  
heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

**We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty,  
longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

**We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections,  
moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

**We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.**

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us  
and calls us to work together as we travel God’s redemption road together.

**We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers  
as we travel God’s redemption road together**

PRAYER

Laura Bergquist  
*Deacon*

\*HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Chalice 25

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“O How He Loves You and Me”

O how He loves you and me. \_\_\_\_\_ O how He loves you and me; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, \_\_\_\_\_ His love for each one to show; \_\_\_\_\_

He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you;  
 what he did there brought hope from de - spair; O how He loves you;

O how He loves me? O how He loves you and me! \_\_\_\_\_  
 O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me! \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Troy Messenger



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

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

“Mercy”

Paula Nance

by Rudy Francisco

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. Jana Dye  
*Pastor*

OFFERTORY

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

J'Quay Gibbs



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

John 8:2-11

LuAnne Prevost

SERMON

"Just Mercy"

Rev. Kym McNair

\*HYMN

"Just As I Am"

Just as I am with-out one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for  
 Just as I am and wait-ing not to rid my soul of one dark  
 Just as I am, Thou wilt re-ceive, wilt wel-come, par - don, cleanse, re-  
 1.  
 me, and that Thou bid'st me come to Thee Oh Lamb of God, I come.  
 blot, to Thee who's blood can cleanse eachspot, Oh Lamb of God, I  
 lieve. Be-cause Thy pro - mise I be lieve, Oh Lamb of God, I  
 2. 3.  
 I come to Thee in faith a - lone by grace to be one of Your own.  
 come.  
 come.  
 Your blood has made a way for me to come.

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Jesse Warkentin

## Service Notes

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“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” is by Civilla D. Martin (words) and Charles H. Gabriel (music). Arrangement based on a duet by Lauryn Hill & Tanya Blount.

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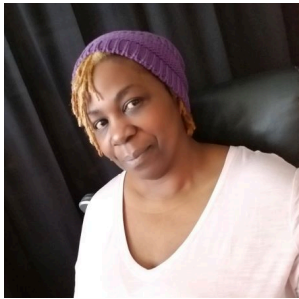
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**This Lent, we are going back to our roots, back to the teachings and ways of Christ.** Jesus’ ministry is often described as “radical” which comes from a Latin word meaning “root” or “ground.” Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our 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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## 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



### Feasibility Study Town Hall

**TODAY 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](mailto:saraday468@gmail.com)).



### Last Day of Winter Clothing Closet is TOMORROW

**Distribution: 10:15-11:30 AM**

Tomorrow is the last day of RMM’s Winter Clothing Closet, and we are grateful to all who have supported this effort through your donations, volunteer time and prayers. It has been a very cold winter, and RMM’s WCC has been a vital service to our community during these harsh temperatures. Our clothing distribution will start again in November, with more details to come. **Please note that we continue to take donations of winter clothing all year long!** So remember RMM when you do your spring cleaning. Thank you for your support!



### 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](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org)) if you have any questions.



### HKFP Youth Farm Internship Applications

**For NYC High School Students**

**Internship Dates: July 8 - August 13, 2026**

NYC high school students are invited to apply for the Hell’s Kitchen Farm Project’s Youth Farm Internship program which will run for 6 weeks this summer. The internship will be open to up to 12 students and will be a mix of classroom teaching, hands-on learning, and field trips. Students will learn about social justice, growing food in urban communities, sustainability, and cooking and preserving food with fresh ingredients. Interns will also be paid a modest weekly stipend. To learn more, visit [www.hkfp.org/internship-opportunities-](http://www.hkfp.org/internship-opportunities-)



### 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 2026: \$36,036.79**

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



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# HOLY WEEK



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