



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 Easter

April 12, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Pastor

PRELUDE

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Jessica Taskov, *flute*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, in a troubled world,
it's easy to doubt the good news around us.

We gather to bear witness to the good news in all its forms.

Beloved, like Jesus, we have wounds
that are present but not always visible.

**We gather with wounds that are fresh
wounds that are healing, wounds that have left scars**

Beloved, we worship a God
who gives us freedom to seek answers to our questions.

We gather with our hopes and dreams, our fears and doubts.

Beloved, let us gather in the name of the Risen Christ!

We gather with our hopes and dreams, our fears and doubts.

PRAYER

Carole Collins

Deacon

*HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Chalice 222

** Please stand as you are able.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 Were thje whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
 Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life my all.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Troy Messenger



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

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

“Prelude”

Jessica Taskov

(from Suite Antique by John Rutter)



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

John 20:19-31
1 Peter 1:3-9

Christina Stanton

SERMON	“An Incredulous State of Mind”	Dr. Jason Coker
*HYMN	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	Chalice 576
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
BENEDICTION		Dr. Jason Coker
POSTLUDE		Jesse Warkentin

Service Notes

Cover Art is "Christ Shows Himself to Thomas" Mosaic in National Cathedral, Washington, DC, by LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte, photo taken by MASolari (Flickr).

Prelude: Tune: *Holy Manna*, from Columbian Harmony 1825. Attr. William Moore, 19th Century. Arranged by Brant Adams.

Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by [Rev. Gord](#).

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” is by Brian Wren (words). Music is a Polish Carol. Arranged by Edith G. Reed and harmony by Austin C. Lovelace.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” is by Isaac Watts (words) and Lowell Mason (music).

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” is by Ray Palmer (words) and Lowell Mason (music).

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This Week's Preacher



For over 25 years, Dr. K. Jason Coker has been a dynamic leader in the religious and nonprofit sector. Best known as an engaging speaker, thought leader and social entrepreneur, Dr. Coker has committed the best part of his professional life to alleviating persistent rural poverty in America. He serves as the president of Together for Hope (tfhope.org), a rural development coalition headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi. He holds a Master of Arts in Religion from Yale University Divinity School and a PhD from Drew University Theological School. Dr. Coker's passion for fighting poverty comes from growing up in the grinding poverty of the Mississippi Delta. He is the author of *James in Postcolonial Perspective: The Letter as Nativist Discourse* (Fortress Press, 2015) and *Faded Flowers: Preaching in the Aftermath of Suicide* (Smyth & Helwys, 2020). He is also the co-editor of *Bible and Theory: Essays in Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Stephen D. Moore* (Fortress Academic, 2020). Besides his books, he is the author of

dozens of academic articles and book chapters as well as numerous popular blog posts (baptistnews.com/article/author/jasoncoker). In addition to writing, Dr. Coker and his work with Together for Hope will be the subject of an upcoming documentary *Hope Arising* (www.civilhope.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metro Second Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, April 26 - Immediately following Worship

Please plan to join Metro's hybrid congregational meeting next Sunday, April 26, following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. Full agenda & supporting documents will be sent out the week of the meeting.



**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-



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

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