



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 Easter

April 26, 2026

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

Pastor

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Can you hear the voice of God?
We hear God calling us by name.
Are you troubled or distressed?
We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.
Come and find a guide who knows these lands.
We come to praise our Shepherding God,
whose pathways and doors lead to life.

PRAYER

Maren Holmen

Deacon

*HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Chalice 23

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

“We Gather Together”

We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing, to
 Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you or -
 May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant, de -
 turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own; the
 dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life. Yes,
 fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be. May
 pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us. O
 yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry. Our
 your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion. Your
 God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.
 God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.
 name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



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

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

OFFERTORY

“I Love the Lord”

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.
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

Psalm 23

SERMON

“The Front Porch”

Rev. Kym McNair

***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

See Insert

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Jesse Warkentin

Service Notes

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TODAY'S PREACHER



Rev. Kym McNair is the descendant of preachers, teachers and community organizers. She has spoken on panels, facilitated workshops for religious and civic organizations across Westchester, and assisted congregations with incorporating faith-based, anti-racism principles into their ministries. She is a contributor to “We Pray Freedom: Liturgies and Rituals from the Freedom Church of the Poor,” and has received numerous accolades from religious, civic and government agencies for her work in advocating for the basic human right to be free from the imposition of power and control, and engage in relationships that uphold the principles of respect, equality and safety. In her role as Director for Faith Based Initiatives for Westchester County she will seek to enhance the

relationship between Westchester County Government and local houses of worship. She finds restoration and joy in early morning walks with her rescue dog, Simba, tending to her vegetable and flower gardens, reading and watching sci-fi, fantasy and true crime and in being Titi to her twin nieces, Olivia and Lydia.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God Cre-a-tor, there is no shad-ow of
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

Refrain
as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Metro Church Business Meeting & Potluck

TODAY, April 26 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's 2nd 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:

[2nd Quarterly Church Conference of 2026](#)

Potluck lunch is in the rear of the sanctuary for those joining in person.



We also invite anyone who is able to stick around after the meeting today to assist with moving items from the building to the courtyard in preparation for junk removal tomorrow. Thank you!



Welcome, J'Quay Gibbs!

RMM/Metro's Newest Staff Member

J'Quay Gibbs (they/them) joins our staff as RMM's Food & Justice Associate, providing assistance to our food & direct service programs (food pantry, CSA distribution, snacks & toiletries, etc). J'Quay is a Pittsburgh native and a performer that moved to the city for a dream and a \$1.50 slice. J'Quay graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelors of Arts and has performed across the world with different theaters and cruise lines. Their most notable credit was being in the company of the Off-Broadway premiere of "Saturday Church". Raised by a big family, they feel right at home with the big family that RMM has to provide. Metro has helped with security and has brought a fulfillment that only a loving congregation can provide. Very grateful to join the community and to continue to grow in faith and fellowship.

We're so excited to have J'Quay with us and we look forward to getting to know them more in the coming weeks!



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-



Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Wednesday Pick Ups (4:30-7:30 PM) | June 17 - October 28, 2026

Are you interested in getting more fresh vegetables into your diet and supporting local efforts to build a more just and equitable food system? Join the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) to receive fresh produce for 22 weeks starting in late May, to be picked up every week at Metro. Full, half, and subsidized shares are available. You can also sign up for 10 weeks of fresh flowers! To learn more or to sign up, visit www.hkfp.org/csa.



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 March 2026: \$45,874.57

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00

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