



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 Easter

May 3, 2026

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

PRELUDE

"Thy Word"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Even after the resurrection, when the disciples
were weighed down with worry,
Jesus assured them that they were not alone.

Even after the resurrection, when the disciples
were burdened by their fears,
Jesus calmed their troubled hearts.

Even after the resurrection, when we struggle with our faith,
God blesses us with comfort and hope.

Especially after the resurrection, when our souls
are dry and barren,
**the Holy Spirit blows through our lives,
bringing us new life. Alleluia!**

PRAYER

Laura Bergquist
Deacon

** Please stand as you are able.*

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Chalice 517

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“We Will Glorify”

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb." The second staff contains the lyrics: "We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who_ is the great I Am." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Susan Rutter



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

Pastor

OFFERTORY

“Prelude in C# minor”

Jesse Warkentin



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 14:8-17

J'Quay Gibbs

SERMON

“Whatever”

Rev. Kym McNair

COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Because He Lives”

Chalice 562

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



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!



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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