

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.

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*May 17, 2026*

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OPENING WORDS

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

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Pastor*

PRELUDE

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do we stand looking up toward heaven?  
**Because we are waiting for what comes next.**

But the promise is not found in standing still.  
**The promise calls us into movement.**

“You will receive power,” Christ said.  
**Power to witness, to love, to live differently.**

So even as we wait, we gather, we pray, we prepare.  
**We make room for the Spirit among us.**

Come, let us worship God in this holy in-between.  
**We come, ready to be filled and sent.**

PRAYER

Susan Rutter  
*Deacon*

\*HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Chalice 90

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

"I Stand in Awe"

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "You are beau-ti-ful be-yond de- scrip-tion too mar-vel-ous for words, too won-der-ful for com-pre hen - sion, like noth-ing ev - er seen or heard. Who can grasp Your in - fi - nite wis - dom, who can fath-om the depth of Your love? You are beau-ti - ful be-yond de- scrip- tion, maj-es - ty en-throned a - bove. And I stand, I stand in awe of You, I stand, I stand in awe of You; Ho-ly God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You."

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



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

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY

"The Warrior Is a Child"

Alan H. Green  
Isabella Stansbury



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**

Acts 1:6-14

Rev. LuAnne Prevost  
*Metro/RMM Staff Member*

**SERMON**

“Between Cloud and Flame” Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

**\*HYMN**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Chalice 16

**CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

**POSTLUDE**

Jesse Warkentin

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**Service Notes**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Welcome (back), Rev. LuAnne Prevost**

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. LuAnne Prevost back to Metro for a long-term staff position. LuAnne is a retired hospital chaplain, who now identifies herself as a “wandering nomad” who spends time in national parks and retreat centers. Originally from Knoxville, TN, LuAnne served as a seminary intern at Metro while in 2007 and returned the following summer while working as a summer chaplain intern at Sloan Kettering. She is a graduate of Central Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained by Metro in 2012. Welcome home, Rev. Prevost!

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## Ninth Avenue Food Festival

**TODAY until 5:30 PM**

As is tradition, Metro and RMM is hosting a booth at the annual Ninth Avenue Food Festival this weekend. We have a booth to promote our rooftop farm, the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project. If you are in NYC today, stop by and say hello to RMM Food Justice Coordinator, Chrisaleen Ciro, and our wonderful Metro/RMM staff and volunteers.



## Pentecost Sunday

**Next Sunday, May 24 at 11AM**

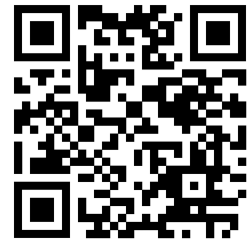
***Wear your red, orange or yellow and bring a dessert!***

We hope you'll join us for next Sunday's Pentecost worship. We will have great music, a brief time of reflection, and we'll be celebrating the church's birthday. And no birthday is complete without a slice of cake! So whether you're joining us in person or online, make sure to bring your favorite celebratory treat for the occasion.



## Metro Skills and Talents Survey

Have you ever wanted to be more involved in volunteering for our different ministries but weren't sure where your skills and passions were most needed? Metro Deacons and Pastors have created a survey so we can get to know you better and pair you up with the projects and ministries that make you feel most alive! Use the QR code and let us know what you're most passionate about.



## 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-)



## 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](http://www.hkfp.org/csa).



## Let's Celebrate our Metro May Birthdays!

We're sending a huge Happy Birthday to all those in our beloved community who are celebrating another year of life this month!!

- Anaseini Katoa - May 5
- Dan Henkel - May 16
- Laura Bergquist - May 27
- Sara Day - May 29

*Have a birthday in May but don't see your name above? Click [here](#) to add your birthday information or reach out to one of your Pastors so we can celebrate you as well!*



## 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 April 2026: \$64,478.87**

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

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