



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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Doxology"

Laura Bergquist

*Praise God in the sanctuary
Let my heart sing praises and not be silent.
Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

If a poet can hold life in a word
the painter, love in a brushstroke
the dancer, passion in a step
the musician, memory in a chord
the actor, story in flesh

**If a human can bear the face of God
a bird, God's spirit
a bread, God's body
a fruit, God's promise**

Ought we not stop and savor
every moment
every taste
every offering
of all that is more
than we can possibly imagine

**All that is good
All that is Holy
All that is now**

PRAYER

Cat Fernando-Rizzo
Deacon

*HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chalice 56

** Please stand as you are able.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

SUNG RESPONSE

"We Are An Offering"

Music score for "We Are An Offering" in 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You, We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering. We lift our offering." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, as well as repeat signs and a double bar line.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an
of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we
give to You, We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

CONTEMPLATIVE METRO MOMENT

Troy Messenger

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY

"A Safe Place to Land"

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

Psalm 37:1-8

SERMON

"Savoring the Divine"

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

Pastor

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in God."

Psalm 34:8

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Chalice 596

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

Service Notes

Prelude: Tune is *Old Hundredth*. Arranged by Craig Curry.

Cover art is *"The Infinite Tree"* (or *L'arbre infini*) by Claudia Tremblay.

Call to Worship is written by Troy Messenger with inspiration from William Blake, *Auguries of Innocence* "To see the world in a grain of sand..." and Mary Oliver, *Yes! No!* "How important it is to walk along, not in haste but slowly ... To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work."

"For the Beauty of the Earth" is by Folliot S. Pierpoint (words) and William Henry Monk (music).

"We Are An Offering" is by Dwight Liles (words and music).

"A Safe Place To Land" is by Lori McKenna and Sara Bareilles.

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" is by Clara H. Scott (words and music).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metro Mindfulness Afternoon "Retreat"

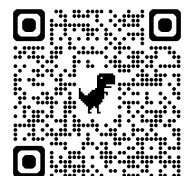
TODAY- Sunday, August 23, After worship

You're invited to a leisurely afternoon retreat filled with food, music, and creative contemplative activities. It's a chance to savor simple joys and cultivate a sense of gratitude for life together. Stick around after church today and join us for this special time of gathering and fellowship.



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.





Fully Virtual Worship - Sunday, September 6

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96255562220?pwd=wA7Nl8fq7NdpyGAq6MFafn6A6c6H8Z.1>

Please note that Metro's worship service will be fully virtual on Sunday, September 6, 2026 (Labor Day weekend). **There will be no in person worship that day**, but we invite everyone to join online from wherever you are on this holiday weekend. More information to come.



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project

Open Farm Days (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM); Thursdays & Select Saturdays

Upcoming Dates: August 27 & 29

Metro's rooftop farm is open for the season and all are welcome to visit or volunteer on the farm. Weather permitting, the farm will be open to the public every Thursday, as well as select Saturdays, each month. Check our website for the latest schedule and updates: www.hkfp.org. See LuAnne Prevost (lprevost@rmmnyc.org) with any questions. **Please note there is a 4-floor walk up to the rooftop farm.**

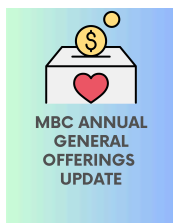
Let's Celebrate our Metro August Birthdays!

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



- Rowan Messenger - August 3
- Lorna Henkel - August 6
- Ari Messenger - August 7
- LuAnne Prevost - August 8
- Tiffany Henkel - August 13
- Leslie Lowe - August 18
- Sarah Henkel - August 22
- Trevor Richardson - August 27
- Chrisaleen Ciro - August 31

Have a birthday in August 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).

General offerings as of July 2026: \$175,500.02

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00

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