



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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus "

Micah Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

This place for us is Holy Ground.
This is the place where God calls us to gather
and repeat the stories of faith
that inspire us to live out Christ's love.
God called us here,
in whispering winds and in burning flames,
and in God's presence –
We are disarmed of the barriers we have placed upon ourselves.
God meets us in our vulnerability and our humanity.
Thanks be to God, who is with us always.

PRAYER

Susan Rutter
Deacon

*HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"
(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)

Chalice 23

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Carole Collins



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

Pastor

OFFERTORY

"I Just Might"

Claire McConnell



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

Exodus 3:1-15

Arthur Wu

SERMON

"God, Who Hears our Cries"

Rev. JD Granade

*HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Chalice 578

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. JD Granade

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord"

Micah Young

Service Notes

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"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" is by Henry F. Lyte (words), adapted by Ecumenical Women's Center and Ruth Duck, and John Goss (music).

"I Just Might" is by Dolly Parton (words and music).

"I Need Thee Every Hour" is by Annie S. Hawks (words) and Robert Lowry (music and refrain).

Postlude is arranged by Catherine Winkworth.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fully Virtual Worship - NEXT SUNDAY, September 6

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96255562220?pwd=wA7NI8fq7NdpyGAq6MFafn6A6c6H8Z.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.



Karissa Thacker Ordination Service Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 PM

All are invited to the ordination service of Metro community member, Karissa Thacker on Sunday, September 13. Following a process of discernment and examination by the deacons, ordination council and congregation of Metro, Karissa will be affirmed through a service of worship and affirmation. Service will be held in person and can also be accessed online via Zoom, and a brief reception in the sanctuary will follow.



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project

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

Upcoming Dates: September 3, 10, 17, 19 & 24

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
- David Waugh- August 6
- Ari Messenger - August 7
- LuAnne Prevost - August 8
- Michael Pfeifer- August 11
- 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!



MEMORY, MARKS & MINDFULNESS:

An interactive workshop in contemplation and visual reflection Sunday, September 20 immediately following morning worship

Slow down, pay attention, and discover what emerges. Join Deborah and Glenn Doering for a participatory workshop that uses simple rubbing and mark-making techniques as a practice of mindfulness and contemplation. No artistic experience is necessary, just curiosity and a willingness to explore. Through quiet observation, creative discovery, and reflection, we'll consider the question: What becomes visible when we slow down and pay attention? *More details to come, but please mark your calendars for this next offering in our Metro Mindfulness series made possible by a grant from The Calvin Institute.*



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.



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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