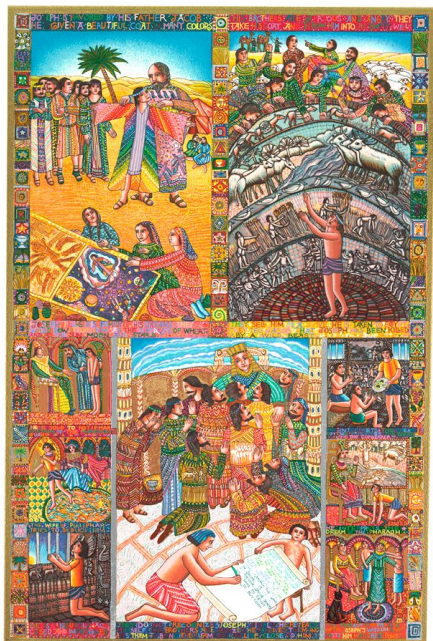




To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,
To all who sin and need a savior,
To all who are glad and would serve,
This church opens wide its doors.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"The Fabelmans"

Marcie Castro

CALL TO WORSHIP

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,
in ordinary days of work and play:
in every moment, God is with us.
Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,
or standing on faith's shoreline:
in every place, God is with us.
In those who teach us
and those who trouble us;
in those who surprise us,
and those who forgive us:
in every person, God is with us.

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

*HYMN

"We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

Chalice 64

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

"Just Be Held"

Marcie Castro



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

Genesis 50: 15-21

Kathy Conry

SERMON

"Inheritance"

Rev. Jana Dye

*HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Chalice 494

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Dye

POSTLUDE

"Glory"

Marcie Castro

Service Notes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Karissa Thacker Ordination Service **THIS AFTERNOON-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.



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?

Please scan the QR code or follow this [link](#) to RSVP for this workshop.



Welcome, Marshall Vargas! **RMM/Metro's Newest Staff Member**

Marshall Vargas joined our resident staff team this week and will be providing support to several of our community and congregational programs. Marshall is a twenty-one year old actor from Cleveland, Ohio, and in his own words: "I'm super excited to be here! I've spent the past three years studying Acting at SUNY Purchase, and this year I decided to transfer to a school in Manhattan. I'm taking a gap semester this fall so I can get used to living in the city first, and I'm super excited to move in! Some of my hobbies include jiu-jitsu, skiing and snowboarding, motorcycles, reading, and just being outside. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone!"

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



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.***



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.



Let's Celebrate our Metro September Birthdays!

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

- Bob Baer - September 10
- Gillian Matherly - September 10
- Barbara Brewer- September 12
- Troy Messenger- September 20

Have a birthday this month 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 August 2026: \$198,650.90

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00

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