



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.

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 20, 2026*

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OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

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

PRELUDE

"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

The new seasons remind us that our world is forever changing.  
**In moments of newness and uncertainty, God's love remains a constant.**  
In seasons where our lives feel at the mercy of our calendars,  
**We come to this space to pause the noise.**  
Amidst a culture that rewards productivity and efficiency,  
**God calls us to move slowly and embrace the stillness.**  
God began to create the world, then paused to rest in the beauty of the new creation.  
**We, too, are called to create beautiful things and find peace in the process of creation.**

PRAYER

Laura Bergquist  
*Deacon*

\*HYMN

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Chalice 21

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

*O Lord, You're beautiful,  
Your face is all I see.  
For when Your eyes are on this child,  
Your grace abounds to me.*

*O Lord, please light the fire  
That once burned bright and clear  
Replace the lamp of my first love  
That burns with holy fear.*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Susan Rutter



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Pastor*

OFFERTORY

"Artist of My Soul"

Miranda Jones



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 8: 2-11

Glenn Doering

SERMON

"The Marks We Make"

Deborah Doering

\*HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Chalice 73

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Deborah Doering

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

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## TODAY'S PREACHER

Deborah Adams Doering is an artist, designer, curator, and writer. She often works collaboratively with her long-time partner and husband, Glenn N. Doering, and other co-creators, as DOEprojekts Art Collaborative ([www.DOEprojekts.com](http://www.DOEprojekts.com), [DOEprojekts.org](http://DOEprojekts.org)). Deborah holds a B.A. in Art from Wheaton College, an M.A. in Theology and Art from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and an M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA, and a member of Metro Baptist Church, NYC. Deborah's visual work is included in the Print and Drawing Collection of the Art Institute of Chicago. She teaches art and design at The Beekman School in Manhattan. In her free time, Deborah enjoys drinking espresso and playing with the family cat, Essio, as well as exploring geometric shapes ("Coreforms") in dialogue with creeds and cosmopolitan thought.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### MEMORY, MARKS & MINDFULNESS:

#### An interactive workshop in contemplation and visual reflection

**Today- 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?

*This event will take place immediately after our worship service and a light lunch will be provided.*

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### Hell's Kitchen Farm Project

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

**Upcoming Dates: September 24, October 1, 3, & 8**

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](http://www.hkfp.org). See LuAnne Prevost ([lprevost@rmmnyc.org](mailto:lprevost@rmmnyc.org)) with any questions. ***Please note there is a 4-floor walk up to the rooftop farm.***

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### HKFP Honey Extraction

**Next Saturday, September 26 | 2:00-3:00 PM**

Our rooftop bees have been hard at work over the last year and our hives are full of honey! If you are interested in learning more about bees and experience a honey extraction, you are invited to join us next Saturday at 2:00 PM. And you might get to go home with a little bit of Metro honey 🍯! ***Please note the extraction will happen in Metro's basement (NOT THE ROOF).***



## 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](mailto:saraday468@gmail.com)).

**General offerings as of August 2026: \$198,650.90**

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

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