



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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"This Is God's Wondrous World"

Grace Cai

CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship a God that does not dwell over us in superiority—
We worship a God who chooses to live among us.
We worship a God who does not abandon us in our grief or loneliness
We worship a God who wipes the tears from our eyes.
We yearn for union with God in another realm,
a world free of the burdens we now carry.
But God is already here with us
and we are called to build this new creation together.
God can make all things new.
Our God is trustworthy and true.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

Maren Holmen
Deacon

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Chalice 100

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkle

Pastor

OFFERTORY

“Learning to Love Again”

Ben Peery



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

Revelation 21:1-5

LuAnne Prevost

SERMON

"What if all things were made new, not better?"

Lenyangerla

(Alen)

*HYMN

“Be Still My Soul”

Chalice 566

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Lenyangerla (Alen)

POSTLUDE

Grace Cai

Service Notes

Cover art is a photo of a sunrise in Rocky Mountain National Park by Erik Stensland.

Prelude is by Maltbie D. Babcock (words) and Franklin L. Sheppard (music). Arranged by Grace Cai.

Call to Worship is written by Rev. Jana Dye, based on Revelations 21: 1-5.

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” is a German hymn translated by Edward Caswall. Music by Joseph Barnby. .

“Learning to Love Again” is by Mat Kearney (words & music).

“Be Still My Soul” : Words by Katharina von Schlegel, translated by Jane Borthwick. Music by Jean Sibelius, from *Finlandia*.

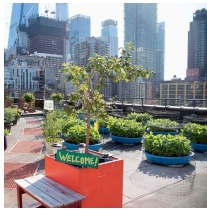
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TODAY'S PREACHER

Alen is an Indigenous woman from Nagaland, India, in the northeastern part of the country. Her roots are deeply woven into the stories of her people, land, culture, and faith. She came to the United States in 2023 to pursue her calling in academia and to create space for Naga voices and stories. For Alen, her Indigenous identity is not simply a part of who she is, but a source of strength and a lens through which she understands, interprets, and engages the world. She hopes to use her identity and lived experience as a tool for bringing Naga perspectives into academic and theological conversations. She holds an STM from Union Theological Seminary and is currently pursuing a PhD in Religion and Society at Drew University. She finds joy in exploring the city, discovering new places, and taking in the views. Above all, she loves Metro!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project

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

Upcoming Dates: October 1, 3, 8, 15, 17, 22, 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.***



Speaking of the farm, the harvest is bountiful! Carrots and lettuce were harvested by some wonderful volunteers to share with the food pantry. Hell's Kitchen Farm Project and the sky line look good together!



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
- Leland Henkel - September 11
- Barbara Brewer- September 12
- Troy Messenger- September 20
- Will Summers - September 27

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!



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 August 2026: \$198,650.90

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00

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