

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA**
Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 41 Years
Epiphany 4 January 29, 2023

There is a book at the Sanctuary entry where prayer requests may be entered. There is also a Square device at the entry of the Sanctuary if you would like to make your Offering Donation via credit card.

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change

Gathering Music

Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Emma Chattin

Centering

At the sound of the singing bowl,
please take a few moments to prepare yourself for our worship together

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from O. Eugene Pickett*

One: For the expanding grandeur of Creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

Many: We give thanks this day.

One: For our common humanity, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

Many: We give thanks this day.

One: For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

Many: We give thanks this day.

One: For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

All: We give thanks this day.

**We pray that we may live not by our fears, but by our hopes,
not our words, but by our deeds.**

Community Prayers

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Micah 6:8*

Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what "good" is, and what YHWH needs from you:

Simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

(over)

Second Reading ~ *Matthew 5:3 – 5:10*

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.
Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.
Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God.
Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice:
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Response All People That On Earth Do Dwell No. 7

Reflection

Rev. Lori McPherson

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory

We Are An Offering by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

>Welcome To The Table!

Rev. Lori McPherson

Invitation To The Table Consecration & Words of Institution Sharing The Open Meal of Christ

Community Blessing ~ Rev. Lori McPherson

Closing Song You Are Salt for the Earth, O People No. 181

Benediction & Sending Forth

Postlude

Go in Peace