

# 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*

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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                            MCC NoVA Choir  
by Dwight Liles

☞ 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                            Rev. Lori McPherson

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☜