

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

November 23, 2025

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”

Celebrating 44 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia!

There is a book at the Sanctuary entry where prayer requests may be entered.

There is also a Square device at the Sanctuary entry if you would like to make your Offering Donation via credit card.

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change Without Notice

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

Illumination

Tee

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Rev. Richard M. Fewkes*

Jen Yi

One: For the sun and the dawn which we did not create;

Many: For the moon and the evening which we did not make;

One: For food which we plant but cannot grow;

Many: For this gathered community which welcomes us as we are;

One: For all the communities that keep us human
and encourage us in our quest for beauty, truth, and love;

**Many: For all things which come to us as gifts of sources beyond ourselves,
Keep us awake and grateful;**

One: For all the gifts of life and love and friendship,

All: We lift up our hearts and give thanks this day!

Introduction to Prayer

Choir

Prayers of the Community

Starlene Keppel

Choir Response

First Reading ~ *Mark 13:33-37*

Kurt Jaeger

[Jesus said] Be constantly on the watch! Keep alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay active and alert. So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or at early dawn. Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay awake!

Second Reading ~ *from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King*

Kat Velkoff

One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake through great periods of social need and change. Every society has its protectors of status quo and its fraternities and sororities of the indifferent, who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. Today, our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant, to face the struggle of resistance, and the challenge of change.

Response

For the Beauty of the Earth

No.28

Reflection

Stay Woke and Grateful, My Friends

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Board Presentation

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧
Lee Shadwick and Rev. Emma Chattin

Invitation To The Table
Consecration & Words of Institution
Sharing The Open Meal of Christ
Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing
Community Blessing ~ Rev. Emma

Closing Song

Come, O Thankful People, Come

No.422

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧