

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Pridetide June 25, 2023
Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 42 Years of Pride

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

Illumination

Centering

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

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from George E. Odell*

One: We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.

Many: We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.

One: We need one another when we are in despair,
and need to be recalled to our best selves.

**Many: We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose,
and we cannot do it alone.**

One: All of our lives we are in need of others,

Many: And others are in need of us.

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Ruth 3:2-5, 4:13-17*

(Naomi said) “Now Boaz, whose workers you have been following, is our closest relative. Tonight he'll be winnowing grain on the threshing room floor. Wash up and put on perfume and dress in your finest clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor. But don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he goes to sleep, watch to see where he lies down. Then go and 'uncover his feet' and lie down with him. He'll tell you what to do next.”

Ruth replied, “I will do as you tell me.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, YHWH enabled Ruth to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. Then the neighborhood women said to Naomi, “Praised be YHWH who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be remembered through all of Israel. He shall give you renewed life and support you when you are old. For Ruth, who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse and caretaker. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi!” They named him Obed (meaning ‘Faithful One’, ‘Servant’). He became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from Pema Chadron*

When you open yourself to the continually changing, impermanent, dynamic nature of your own being and of reality, you increase your capacity to love and care about other people and your capacity to not be afraid. You're able to keep your eyes open, your heart open, and your mind open. And you notice when you get caught up in prejudice, bias, and aggression. You develop an enthusiasm for no longer watering those negative seeds, from now until the day you die. And, you begin to think of your life as offering endless opportunities to start to do things differently.

Song of Response \ \ \

Reflection

We Are Family

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir
by Dwight Liles

☞ 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 ~ Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song \ \ \ \

Benediction and Sending Forth

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛