

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA
Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 41 Years
Epiphany 2 January 15, 2023
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Sunday

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

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

Gathering Words ~ adapted from *Theodore Parker* Jamie Wallace

One: Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere;
Many: Its temple, all space,
One: Its shrine, the good heart;
Many: Its creed, all truth.
One: Its rituals, works of love.
All: *Its profession of faith, kindness and divine living.*

Community Prayers

First Reading ~ *Psalm 40:1-11* Kate Gilligan

Unyielding, I called to you, YHWH, now at last you have inclined to me and answered my cry for help. You have pulled me out of the desolate pit, out of its mud and quicksand, you set my feet on a rock, and made my steps firm. You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to you. Many will look on in wonder and will put their trust in you.

Happiness comes to those who put their trust in YHWH, instead of in human egos, false idols, or those who do not see the truth. You have multiplied, YHWH, my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. You don't desire sacrifice or oblation, instead you made my ears receptive to you; you asked no burnt offering or sin offering. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not kept my mouth shut, as you well know, O God. I have never kept your generosity to myself, I have announced your faithfulness and your saving action; I have made no secret of your love and faithfulness in the great congregation. For your part, YHWH, don't withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love, your kindness, and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.



Second Reading ~ *from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King speaking in a pool hall in Albany, NY, 1962*

We are in the midst of a great movement... and we want and solicit the pull of everybody in this community. We have had our demonstrations and marches making it very clear that we will no longer accept segregation and discrimination. Now we come to you... and we want you to talk with your friends.. We don't need our guns... all we need is the power of our souls and our commitment.

Reflection

Don't Keep It To Yourself

Community Dialogue Rev. Emma Chatlin

Offering Invitation **Frank Vance**

❖ Welcome To The Table! ❖

Rev. Emma Chattin

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

Community Blessing ~ Rev. Emma Chattin

Closing Song This Little Light of Mine No. 524

Postlude

❖ Go in Peace ❖