

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

August 2, 2026

*Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 45 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

Prayers of the Community

Andrea Albamonte

Choir Response

Gathering Words ~ *from The Heart of the Torah, Leviticus 19*

One: Heed not false and unreal gods.

Many: We shall be holy, for YHWH our God is holy.

One: You shall not strip your vineyards bare nor gather the fallen grapes;
you shall leave them for the poor and the foreigner.

Many: We shall be holy, for YHWH our God is holy.

One: You shall not steal, cheat, defraud, rob, or lie to one another.

Many: We shall be holy, for YHWH our God is holy.

One: You shall not be guilty of injustice.

ALL: We shall be holy, for YHWH our God is holy.

First Reading ~ *Mark 14:12-16*

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, the disciples said to Jesus, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover supper for you?” Jesus directed two of the disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and you will come upon a man carrying a water jar. Follow him into a house he enters and say to the owner, “The Teacher asks, “Where is my guestroom? I want to eat the Passover meal there with my disciples.” Then you will be shown a large upper room, furnished, with everything in order. Make preparations for us there. Then the disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had said, and they made ready the Passover meal.

Second Reading

~ adapted from Rachel Held Evans in "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding The Church"

I had a conversation with someone the other day who said they wondered if perhaps the LGBTIQQ communities have a special role to play in teaching the church how to more thoughtfully engage issues surrounding gender and sexuality. I told him I didn't think that went far enough. I've been convinced that the LGBTIQQ communities have a special role to play in teaching the church how to BE Christian. Teach us to be Christians who tell each other the truth, who confess our shortcomings and forgive our enemies. Christians who embrace our neighbors. Christians who sit together with others in our pain, and in our healing.

Response Song Lord, I Want to be a Christian No. 454

Reflection Finding Ourselves in the Bible
In Search of the Upper Room
Jesus Had No Reservations

Community Dialogue Rev. Emma Chattin

Offering Invitation Cornelius Butler

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Kurt Jaeger

Sung Words of Institution:

"Let Us Be Bread"

By Thomas J. Porter

The Leader will sing the verses. Please join together on the refrain:

Let us be bread, blessed by our God, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in our God.

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Invitation to the Table

Sharing The Open Meal of Christ

Community Blessing Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed No. 537

Benediction and Sending Forth Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧