

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

October 27, 2024

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Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 43 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change

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 Kirk Loadman-Copeland*

Fab Fernandez

One: We are called to gather in worship this day as a beloved community.

Many: *We are called to set aside distractions and anxieties, to let go of the things
that burden us, so that we might touch deeper springs and be renewed.*

One: We are called to heal, and we are called to be healed.

Many: *We are called to desire more love, more justice, and more life abundant.*

One: *We are called to look and see beyond that which lies before us.*

Many: *We are called to truth, to mercy, to humility, and to courage.*

One: *We are called to follow The Way.*

All: *Let us answer this sacred call with the “Yes” of our lives.*

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Mark 10:46-52*

Margot Sheiffley

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, heir of David, have mercy on me!" Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted even more loudly, "Heir of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabbuni, my teacher, I want to see." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight, and followed Jesus on the way.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from Frederick Buechner*

We are much involved, all of us, with questions about things that matter a good deal today, but will be forgotten by this time tomorrow — the immediate where's and when's and how's that face us daily at home and at work — but at the same time we tend to lose track of the questions about things that matter **always**, life-and-death questions about meaning, purpose, and value. To lose track of such deep questions as these is to risk losing track of who we really are in our own depths, and where we are really going.

Response Song

No.

Reflection

What Do You Want?

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

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

No.

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❖ **Go in Peace** ❖