

# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

July 30, 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*

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

Kurt Jaeger

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 any injustice.

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

Prayers of the Community

Starlene Keppel

First Reading ~ *Mark 14:12-16*

Leigh Anne Arnold

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"***

I had a conversation with someone the other day who said they wondered if perhaps LGBTIQQ Christians had 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, that ever since the Gay Christian Network conference, I've been convinced that LGBTIQQ Christians 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. Christians who confess our sins and forgive our enemies. Christians who embrace our neighbors. Christians who sit together in our pain, and in our healing... and wait for resurrection.

## **Song of Response**

### **Reflection**

#### **In Search of the Upper Room Jesus Had No Reservations**

**Rev. Emma Chattin**

## **Community Dialogue**

### **Offering Invitation**

**Marcie Babey**

### **Offertory**

**We Are An Offering**  
by Dwight Liles

**MCC NoVA Choir**

### **❖ Welcome To The Table! ❖**

**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 Chattin**

## **Closing Song**

## **Benediction and Sending Forth**

## **Postlude**

**❖ Go in Peace ❖**