

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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

There is a book at the Sanctuary entry where prayer requests may be entered.

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August 25, 2024

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change

Gathering Music

Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements

Kurt Jaeger

Centering

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

Illumination

Tee

Gathering Words ~ *I Need You to Survive by Hezekiah Walker*

Fab Fernandez

One: I need you. You need me.

Many: We're all a part of God's body

One: Stand with me; Agree with me.

Many: We're all a part of God's body.

One: It is God's will that every need be supplied.

All: You are important to me, I need you to survive.

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Acts 2:42-47*

Genevieve Walker

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. God added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Second Reading ~from Baratunde Thurston in the "On Being" podcast

We can, on paper, have extraordinary wealth, and resources and opportunity, and if we have all of those things alone, we are miserable. We can, on paper, have no money, no job, no housing, limited food and when we have all of those things and go through that experience together, we feel complete and loved and like we belong. We feel rich. Going through it together is the only way to go through it at all.

Song of Response God, We Thank You For Our People No. 376

Reflection We're All In This Together

Kurt Jaeger

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir
by Dwight Liles

❧ 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 Bless Be the Tie That Binds No. 393

Benediction and Sending Forth Kurt Jaeger

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧