

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

October 19, 2025

*Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 44 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

Introduction to Prayer

Choir

Prayers of the Community

Andrea Albamonte

Response

Choir

First Reading ~ *Genesis 32:22-31*

Fab Fernandez

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Yabbock River. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and there someone wrestled with him until daybreak. When the other saw that Jacob could not be prevailed against, the other struck Jacob on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled. Then the other said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

"What is your name?" the other asked.

"Jacob," he answered.

Then other said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, or 'Heel-Grabber', but Israel, for you have wrestled with both God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But the other said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And blessed Jacob there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Second Reading

Margot Scheiffley

~ adapted from Sister Joan Chittister OSB & Rowan Williams in
"Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia For All That Is"

The past is all we know of the resilience and potential we each harbor within us. The past marks us with the awareness that what we have survived before, bested before, done before, we can do again. The best proof we have against destruction and despair is our memories of having wrestled with life before now — and prevailed.

Response

Reflection

HARVEST Wrestling With God

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Kurt Jaeger & Ken Williamson
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

Great Is Your Faithfulness

No. 423

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧