

# 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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**June 2, 2024 Pride Sunday**

***Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change***

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Gathering Music

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

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Gathering Words ~ adapted from Maureen Killoran

Fab Fernandez

One: As we are confronted by chaos

***Many: May we have the wisdom to believe in peace.***

One: Surrounded by voices of disagreement,

***Many: May we have the audacity to speak for peace.***

One: Lured by the seduction of despair and hopelessness,

***ALL: May we have the courage to create a vision of possibility and peace.***

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the deep – yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be Light”, and light was. God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night”. Evening came, and morning followed – the first day.

Second Reading ~ by May Sarton

Help us to bring darkness into the light,  
To lift out the pain, the anger,  
Where it can be seen for what it is—  
The balance-wheel for our vulnerable, aching love.  
Put the wild hunger where it belongs,  
Within the act of creation,  
Crude power that forges a balance  
Between hate and love.  
Help us to be the always hopeful  
Gardeners of the spirit  
Who know that without darkness  
Nothing comes to birth  
As without light  
Nothing flowers.

Song of Response

Reflection

OUT of Chaos

Rev Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory

We Are An Offering  
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

✻ Welcome To The Table! ✻  
Rev. Emma Chattin & Lee Shadwick

Invitation To The Table  
Consecration & Words of Institution  
Sharing The Open Meal of Christ  
Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing  
Community Blessing Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

✻ Go in Peace ✻