



PrideFire

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Celebrating 41 Years!

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”

PRIDE: Action

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Rev. Emma Chattin, Preaching

First Reading ~ *James 2:14-18*

My siblings, what good is it to claim one has faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save. Anyone. Suppose one is without clothes and has no daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, then what good is this? In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead. Some of you will say that you have faith; I have deeds. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from Elevating Black LGBTQ Voices, Jerry St. Louis*

I acknowledge and uplift the voices of trans* men and women who fought against racism, sexism and homophobia. I honor activists like Stonewall’s Marsha P. Johnson and Civil Rights Movement leader, Bayard Rustin, by sharing their stories and continuing the fight. The modern holiday of Juneteenth places emphasis on teaching African American heritage, and it’s important that we retell a history that includes LGBTQ folx. This Juneteenth and Pride Month, let us remember all those who fought for the duality of our existence.

Third Reading ~ *from Coretta Scott King*

Struggle is a never ending process. Freedom is never really won; you earn it and win it in every generation