

# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*June 8, 2025*

*Pride II*

*Pentecost*

*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.*

*Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 44 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia*

*Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change Without Notice*

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Gathering Music

Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Emma Chatten

Centering

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

Illumination

Tee

Gathering Words

One: Spirit of Life, this is the day.

**Many: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

One: Born with a spark, a flame, the rush of wind, the breath of creation.

**Many: Spirit stirs, awakening us, reminding us of who we are,**

One: Reminding us of who we were made to be.

**Many: And we seek to remind others, To help them understand in their own language.**

One: Let the barriers between us fall, and the lines separating us disappear.

**Many: Spirit of Life, help us to better understand one another,**

One: And to know we are all Children of God.

**All: This is the day.**

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

Choir Response

Alleluia

Choir

First Reading ~ Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly, they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as Spirit enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are not Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome — all Jews, or converts to Judaism — Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!” All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”

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Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd, "People of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think — it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: 'In the days to come — it is Our God who speaks — I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most marginalized of my people, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of YHWH. And all who call upon the name of YHWH will be liberated.'"

## Second Reading

~ adapted from Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson in "*Outing the Bible: Queer Folks, God, Jesus, and Christian Scriptures*"

Metropolitan Community Church is a living ecumenical witness to what a community for LGBTQIA+ people and our families looks like. And we are not popular. We frighten closeted gays and lesbians; we anger fake liberals who want us to love them for their private support while they publicly betray us on social media and at the ballot box; we unsettle corporations whose support shifts with the cultural environment; we anger conservatives who want everyone to be like them and live like them; and we upset the religious righteous when we pray and sing and testify to God's love. The work of Metropolitan Community Church, its leaders and members, is to thrive in the midst of this as a fully inclusive, wonderfully diverse, global, and growing faith movement.

Response                      God of Grace and God of Glory                      No. 436

Reflection                      Chosen Family  
Diversity & Understanding  
Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation                      Cornelius Butler

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                      Fire of Commitment                      Insert

Benediction and Sending Forth                      Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧