

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

November 16, 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

Choir Response

First Reading ~ *Malachi 3:10-12*

Bring the entire tithe, the whole tenth of your bounty, into the storehouse that there may be food in my house! Prove me now in this, says YHWH, and see if I do not open the windows of heaven and pour so much blessing out on you that you cannot contain it! I will keep pests from destroying the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says YHWH. All people will call you happy and blessed, for yours will be a delightful land.

Second Reading ~ *Luke 6:37-38*

Be compassionate, as your loving God is compassionate. Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Pardon, and you'll be pardoned. Give, and it will be given unto you: a full measure – packed down, shaken together, and running over – will be poured into your lap. For the amount you measure out is the amount you'll be given back."

Third Reading ~ *Mark 12:38-44*

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then Jesus called the disciples and said to them, "The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money from their abundance, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had — all she had to live on."

Fourth Reading

~ adapted from Barbara Brown Taylor in *"An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith"*

People seem willing to look all over the place for their treasure. They will travel halfway around the world to visit a monastery in India. The last place most people look is right under their feet, in the everyday activities, accidents, and encounters of their lives. What possible spiritual significance could a trip to the grocery store have? How could something as common as a stranger asking for directions be a doorway to a greater life? No one longs for what they already have, and yet the accumulated insight of those wise about the spiritual life suggests that the reason so many of us cannot see the red X that marks the spot is because we are standing on it. The treasure we seek requires no lengthy expedition, no expensive equipment, no superior aptitude. All we lack is the consent to be where we are, and the willingness to realize that we already have everything we need.

Response	For the Fruit of All Creation	No.425
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Reflection

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Tithing the Bounty: The Divine Dare

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation	Cornelius Butler
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Offertory	We Are An Offering	MCC NoVA Choir
	by Dwight Liles	

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧
Lee Shadwick and Rev. Emma Chattin

Invitation To The Table
Consecration & Words of Institution
Sharing The Open Meal of Christ
Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing
Community Blessing ~ Rev. Emma

Closing Song	We Praise You, O God	No.420
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Benediction and Sending Forth	Rev. Emma Chattin
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Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧