

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 42 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.

February 4, 2024 Epiphany V

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change

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

Kurt Jaeger

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi*

Tee

One: Where hate rules, let us bring love; where sorrow, joy.

Many: Let us strive more to comfort others than to be comforted,

One: To understand others more than to be understood,

Many: To love others more than to be loved.

One: For it is in giving that we receive,

Many: And in pardoning others that we are pardoned;

One: In welcoming others...

ALL: We ourselves are welcomed.

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Matthew 25:34b-40*

Genevieve Walker

'Come, you blessed of my Heavenly Parent! Inherit the dominion prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.' Then these will ask 'When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you? The sovereign will answer them, 'The truth is, every time you did this for one of the least of these sisters and brothers of mine, so you did it for me.'

Second Reading ~from "I See America" by Joy Oladokun

I saw God out on the block today
He was darker than the preachers say
With a teardrop tattooed on his face
And dirt on his fingers.
I heard Angels when he laughed the way
That people do when they have known true pain
For his sins I don't know who's to blame.
What choice was he given?
In this world that we're livin'

I see you
I see love
I see America
I feel your pain
I share your blood
I see America.

Song of Response

No.

Reflection

Following Yonder Star

Kurt Jaeger
Encountering God

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Lee Shadwick

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❖ **Welcome To The Table!** ❖

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 ~ Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song

No.

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❖ **Go in Peace** ❖