

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

October 22, 2023

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 entry of the Sanctuary if you would like to make your Offering Donation via credit card.

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

Genevieve Walker

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Mister Eckhart*

Tee

One: Apprehend God in all things, for God is present in all things.

Many: Every single creature is full of God, and is a book about God.

One: Every creature is a word of God.

Many: If we spent enough time with the tiniest creature...even a caterpillar

One: We would never need to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature!

**ALL: Let us all worship together,
let us all offer God thanks and praise for all things!**

Prayers of the Community

Starlene Keppel

First Reading ~ *Job 12:7-10*

Leigh Anne Arnold

For now ask the animals, and let them teach you;
ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you.
Ask the plants of the earth, with all its life, and learn from it.
Let the fish of the sea become your teachers.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of YHWH has done this?
In God's hand is the soul of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Second Reading ~ *Luke 18:15-17*

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the Dominion of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Dominion of God as a little child will never enter it.

Song of Response

Reflection Bless The Beasts and the Children
Rev. Emma Chattin

Blessing

Offering Invitation Jamie Wallace

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir
by Dwight Liles

☞ 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

Benediction and Sending Forth Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛