

# 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.*

***April 21, 2024 Easter IV***

***Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change***

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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

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Dorothy Day*

Lucas Maertin

One: People say what is the sense of our small effort?

***Many: They cannot see we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time.***

One: A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions.

***Many: Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that.***

Prayers of the Community

Starlene Keppel

First Reading ~ *1 Kings 19:11-13*

Genevieve Walker

God said [to Elijah], “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of YHWH, for YHWH is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks before YHWH – but YHWH was not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but YHWH was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire – but YHWH was not in the fire. And after the fire came a sound of sheer silence and a still small voice. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

**Second Reading** ~ *adapted from Father Richard Rohr in "The Questions of Jesus"*

Jesus only directly answers 3 of the 183 questions that he is asked in the four Gospels. This is totally surprising to people who have grown up assuming that the very job description of religion is to give people answers and to resolve peoples' dilemmas. Apparently, this is not Jesus' understanding of the function of religion, because he operates very differently. Jesus either keeps silent, as with Pilate, returns with another question, as with the coin of Caesar, or gives an illustration, as with the Good Samaritan. At other times, he puts the question back inside the frame of reference of the inquirer, as if to encourage them examine it.

**Song of Response**

**Be Still My Soul**

**No. 488**

**Reflection**

**Where In The World?**

**In the Stillness, The Little Things, The Questions**

**Rev Emma Chattin**

**Community Dialogue**

**Offering Invitation**

**Margot Scheiffley**

**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**

**Closing Song**

**Go My Children, With My Blessing**

**No.82**

**Benediction and Sending Forth**

**Rev. Emma Chattin**

**Postlude**

**❧ Go in Peace ❧**