

# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*September 14, 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*

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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 Project Plowshares*

Andrea Albamonte

One: Lead us from death to life,

**Many: From falsehood to truth,**

One: From despair to hope,

**Many: From fear to trust;**

One: Lead us from hate to love

**Many: From war to peace**

One: Let peace fill our hearts,

**ALL: Let peace fill our hearts,  
Let peace fill our world,  
Let peace fill our universe.**

Prayers of the Community

First Reading ~ *Micah 6:8*

Kurt Jaeger

Listen mortal, God has already made clear what “good” is, and what does God require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?”

## Second Reading

~ adapted from Rachel Held Evens in *"Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding The Church"*

Whenever we show others the goodness of God, whenever we follow our Teacher by imitating his posture of humble and ready service, our actions are sacred and ministerial. To be called into the priesthood, as ALL of us are, is to be called to a life of presence, of kindness.

"To be a priest," writes Barbara Brown Taylor, "is to know that things are not as they should be and yet to care for them the way they are." Such a purpose calls us far beyond our natural postures and actions. It means surrendering all our cynicism and pride to take up the mantle of service.

Response                      Let Justice Flow Like Streams                      No. 588

Reflection                      Back To School

GOOD WORK  
(Be Good)

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation                      Genevieve Walker

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                      Lead Us From Death to Life                      No. 581

Benediction and Sending Forth                      Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧