

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

November 12, 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 John Beuhrens*

Tee

One: Blessed are those who yearn for deepening more than escape;
who are not afraid to grow in spirit.

Many: *Blessed are those who take seriously the bonds of community;
who regularly join in worship, celebration, gathering, and learning;*

One: Blessed are those who come as much to minister to others as to be ministered unto;

Many: *Blessed are those who bring their children; who invite their friends to come along to share
in friendship, service, learning, growth.*

One: Blessed are those who support the church and its work by sharing generously of their time, talents, and treasure, who share themselves no less than their money.

Many: *Blessed are those who know that the church is often imperfect, yet rather than harbor
feelings of anger or disappointment, learn to grow and to work through the imperfections;*

One: Blessed are those who, when asked to serve, do it gladly; who realize that change is brought about through the work of hands and hearts.

Many: *Blessed are those who do the work, and stay until the work is finished.*

One: Blessed are those who know that the work of the church is no less than the transformation of society; who have a vision of Beloved Community transcending the present, and who do not shrink from controversy, sacrifice, or change.

Many: *Blessed are they indeed.*

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

Reading ~ *Acts 2:42-47*

Leigh Anne Arnold

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and communal living, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Everyone felt a sense of awe because many signs and wonders happened through the apostles. There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, they met together in the temple, and they broke bread in their homes, and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all people. And day by day God added to the community everyone who was experiencing liberation.

Song of Response

There's a Spirit in the Air

No. 294

Reflection

Thanks Giving

Sharing

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Why We Give

**Dale Bradshaw
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

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❖ **Go in Peace** ❖