

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

July 5, 2026

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 45 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

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

Prayers of the Community Andrea Albamonte

Choir Response

Gathering Words ~ *from Clinton lee Scott in Singing the Living Tradition*

One: From the east comes the sun, bringing a new day.

**Many: It has already circled the earth
and looked upon distant lands and far-away peoples.**

One: It has passed over mountain ranges and the waters of the seven seas.

**Many: It has shone upon workers in the fields,
into windows of homes, shops, and factories.**

One: It has beheld proud cities with gleaming towers,

Many: And also the hovels of the poor.

One: It has been witness to both good and evil, the works of honest people,
and the conspiracy of those who wish to deceive.

Many: It has seen marching armies, bomb-blasted villages, and destruction.

One: Now, unsullied from its tireless journey, it comes to us,
messenger of the morning, bringer of a new day.

**ALL: Let us be mindful of those around the world, and all those around us,
who receive the same opportunity for another new day of work and worship.**

Opening Song This Is My Song No 591

First Reading ~ *Acts 2:42-47* Kurt Jaeger

The community 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.

Second Reading

Margot Sheiffley

~ from Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber, in "Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint"

God's grace is not defined as God being forgiving to us even though we sin and fall short. Grace is when God is a source of wholeness, which makes up for my failings. My failings hurt me and others and even the planet, and God's grace to me is that my brokenness is not the final word ... it's that God makes beautiful things out of even my own mess. Grace isn't about God creating humans and flawed beings and then acting all hurt when we inevitably fail and then stepping in like the hero to grant us grace - like saying, "Oh, it's OK, I'll be the good guy and forgive you." It's God saying, "I love the world too much to let your shortcomings define you and be the final word. I am a God who makes all things new.

Reflection

Interdependence Day

(well... it should be)

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory

We Are An Offering

MCC NoVA Choir

☞ Welcome To The Table! ☜

Kurt Jaeger & Ken Williamson

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

Forward Through The Ages

No. 377

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☜