

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

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Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” *Celebrating 44 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia*

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change Without Notice

Gathering Music

Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements

Kurt Jaeger

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

Starlene Keppel

Choir Response

Alleluia

Choir

First Reading ~ *Proverbs 8:1, 8:21-26, 8:30-31*

Fab Fernandez

Doesn't Wisdom call?
Doesn't Understanding raise her voice?
YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning,
before the first acts of creation.
I have been from everlasting,
in the beginning, before the world began.
Before the deep seas, I was brought forth,
before there were fountains or springs of water;
before the mountains erupted up into place,

before the hills, I was born--
before God created the earth or its fields,
or even the first clods of dirt...
I was the skilled artisan standing next to the
Almighty.
I was God's delight day after day,
rejoicing at being in God's presence continually,
rejoicing in the whole world
and delighting in humankind.

Second Reading ~ *John 16:12-15*

I have much more to tell you,
but you can't bear to hear it now.
When the Spirit of truth comes,
she will guide you into all truth.
She won't speak on her own initiative;
rather, she'll speak only what she hears,
and she'll announce to you
things that are yet to come.
In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me,
for she will take what is mine
and reveal it to you.
Everything that Abba God has, belongs to me.
This is why I said that
the spirit will take what is mine
and reveal it to you.

Third Reading

~from an interview with Sister Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M (1990)

No one can explain the Trinity! But if you mean what are we to do with the tradition that the Trinity is Father, Son, and Spirit—which, in many people's imagination, comes down to an old man, a young man, and a bird—I would say we need some theological therapy of the religious imagination.

First, God is not three people, much less three males. God is one, the Holy Mystery in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). We experience God according to our limited capacity under various personae, (a word which in Latin means an “actor's masks”).

Notably, we experience God as divine origin, source, or ground of our being; we experience God as divine communicator, divine communication, and redeemer; and as we experience God as divine energy, mover, transforming power, the One who makes us holy by enlivening us with God's very life. The use of language such as Creator and Parent, Word and Wisdom, Spirit and Breath of Life helps express our multifaceted human experience of the one God.

Response

Spirit of Gentleness

No. 286

Reflection

Chosen Family

God is Not Two Guys and a Bird

Rev. Luke McPherson

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Vanessa Lambert

Offertory

We Are An Offering

by Dwight Liles

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

Praise to the Living God

No. 8

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Luke McPherson

Postlude

❖ Go in Peace ❖