

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Celebrating 41 Years

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” September 25, 2022

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

Words of Illumination and Centering

At the sound of the singing bowl,
please take a few moments to prepare yourself for our worship together

Gathering Words

Lee Shadwick

~ adapted from *The Work That Reconnects Network*

One: In the face of changing times,
Many: We journey together.

One: In the face of social upheaval and uncertainty,
Many: We journey together.

One: As we search for angels of hope and signs of a new era,
Many: We journey together.

One: As we search for glimpses of truth
ALL: We journey together toward deeper meaning.

Community Prayers

Dale Bradshaw

Readings

Jennifer Yi

First Reading ~ Genesis 12:1-4a

YHWH said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people, and your parents, and go to a place I will show you. I will make of you a great people and I will bless you, and make your name great so that you will be a blessing (dispensing good to others).

I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse.
And all the people on the face of the earth will be blessed through you.”

So Abram began the journey as YHWH directed.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from Ernst Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham in
“The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Search for Meaning”*

The two extremes of modern travel- the “Are we there yet?” and the “Who cares where we are?” syndromes –fail to grasp the nature of the pilgrim’s journey, which is neither a straight-line trip nor mere meandering around. The word “journey” originally meant the distance traveled in one day. A journey becomes a pilgrimage journey as we discover, day by day, that the distance traveled is less important than the experiences gained. Joseph Campbell said, “When you are on a journey and the end keeps getting further and further away, then you realize that the real end is the journey itself.”

Response	MCC NoVA Choir & Community	No. 391 Verses 1,2,3,5
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Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Jamie Wallace

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

Community Blessing

Closing Song

MCC NoVA Choir & Community

No. 573

Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛