

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

April 12, 2026 Easter II

*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 Ken Williamson

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

Song of Response Choir

First Reading ~ *1 Peter: 1:3-9* Kurt Jaeger

Praised be the Heavenly Parent of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth: a birth into hope, which draws life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance incapable of fading or ruin, which is kept in heaven for you who are kept with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days. There is cause for rejoicing here. You may, for a time, have to suffer the distress of many trials. But this is so your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of gold tried by fire, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen Christ, you love Christ; and without seeing, you still believe, and you rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory, because you are achieving the goal of faith- your salvation.

Second Reading

Kat Velkoff

~ adapted from Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor in "The Preaching Life"

What feels like it's missing gradually becomes less important than what is to be found. Curiosity pokes its green head up through the asphalt of grief, and the fear of the unknown takes on an element of wonder. We turn away from the God who was supposed to be in order to seek the God who is. Every letdown becomes a lesson and a lure. Did God fail to come when I called? Then perhaps God is not a minion. So who is God? Over and over, my disappointments draw me deeper into the mystery of God's being and doing. Every time God declines to meet my expectations, then another one of my idols is exposed.

Song of Response

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 1

Reflection

And Now What?

Ken Williamson

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering

MCC NoVA Choir

☞ Welcome To The Table! ☜

Kurt Jaeger and 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

We Are Marching
In The Light of God

No. 527

Benediction and Sending Forth

Ken Williamson

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☜