

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*November 1, 2026 Stewardship Campaign V
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 Starlene Keppel

Choir Response

Gathering Words

~ adapted from Resources in a Mennonite Voice for Ears of All Kinds

One: We sometimes forget how to say thank you;

Many: We get used to saying I earned this, and I deserve this.

One: We are sometimes too jealous to be thankful;

**Many: We compare ourselves to others who have more,
rarely to those who have less.**

One: We are often too busy to be thankful;

**Many: We asked ourselves this morning, ‘Do I have time to come to church?’
Even in worship our minds are sometimes busy and distracted.**

One: Sometimes we are not thankful enough to be generous;

**Many: Rather than being generous today, we negotiate with God,
‘I’ll give more when I get more’.**

One: We sometimes say the words without feeling any gratitude in our hearts;

Many: We don’t really know how to feel thankful.

One: And so today we say a simple prayer for all that we have received;

ALL: Make us truly thankful, let today fill us with thanksgiving and gratitude!

First Reading ~ Malachi 3:10-12

Bring the entire tithe, the whole tenth of your bounty, into the storehouse that there may be food in my house! Prove me now in this, says YHWH, and see if I do not open the windows of heaven and pour so much blessing out on you that you cannot contain it! I will keep pests from destroying the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says YHWH. All people will call you happy and blessed, for yours will be a delightful land.

Second Reading ~ Luke 6:37-38

Be compassionate, as your loving God is compassionate. Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Pardon, and you'll be pardoned. Give, and it will be given unto you: a full measure – packed down, shaken together, and running over – will be poured into your lap. For the amount you measure out is the amount you'll be given back."

Contemporary Witnesses Starlene Keppel Susan McGlohn

Song of Response Great Is Your Faithfulness No. 423

Reflection Stewardship V

Divine Return on Spiritual Investment

Community Dialogue Rev. Emma Chattin

Offering Invitation Cornelius Butler

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Ken Williamson and Heather James

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 Rev. Emma Chattin

Closing Song For the Fruit of All Creation No. 425

Benediction and Sending Forth Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧