

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

June 7, 2026 ~ Pridetide

*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

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Robert Eller-Isaacs* Susan McGlohn

One: Spirit of Life, this is the day!

Many: Remind us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made- all of us!

One: Born with a spark, a flame, the rush of wind, the kiss of creation.

Many: Remind us of who we are made to be- All colors, all kinds, all types!

One: Pronounced beautiful and good in your sight!

Many: Free us from all the things that keep us apart,

One: Open our minds and our hearts,

Many: Let the barriers between us fall away

One: And the lines separating us disappear!

Many: Remind us that we are all your Children,

One: No exceptions, no kidding!

All: This is the day!

Opening Song This Is The Day No. 84
Verses 1 & 3

First Reading ~ *Genesis 1:26-27, 31a*

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us, in our likeness. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls, creeps, and moves on the ground. So humankind was created in God’s image as God’s reflection, in the Divine image God created them; male and female, God made them.

God looked at all of this creation,
and proclaimed that it was good- very good.

Second Reading

~ adapted from a poem by Rev. Asher O'Callahan

Cory Houston

In the beginning, God created day and night,
but have you ever seen a sunrise?

A sunset?

Trans and non-binary people
are like sunrises and sunsets,
full of a hundred shades of color you can't
see in plain daylight or dark night.

In the beginning, God created land and sea.
But have you ever seen a beach?

Trans & non-binary people are like beaches,

a wonderful oasis
that's not quite like the ocean,
and not quite like the land.

God created people,
all different kinds of people.
God created them from love, to love,
and to be loved.

God created them all in God's own image,
And... God is still creating them.

Response Song

Praise to the Living God

No. 8

Reflection

Made In The Image

Rev. Emma Chattin

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

No. 4

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛