

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA**
Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”
Celebrating 41 Years
Epiphany 5 February 5, 2023

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

Centering

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

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Beth Merrill Neel in “Hold Fast to What Is Good”*

One: This day we have gathered;

Many We gather together bringing our questions and our joy.

One: In song and in silence we will listen –

Many: What is it that God would have us hear this day?

One: In our praise and in our prayers we will remember

Many: That God’s glory shines around us and within us.

All: **So let us shine.**

Prayers of the Community

First Reading ~ *Matthew 5:13-16*

You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt were to lose its saltiness (its strength, its quality)? How could you restore it? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. You don’t build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don’t light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it may give light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give praise to your Heavenly Parent.

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Second Reading ~*from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Response

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

No. 181
Verses 1,2,4

Reflection

Let Your Life Shine

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

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 ~ Rev. Emma Chattin

Closing Song

This Little Life of Mine
*This little life of mine...
Everywhere I go...
All through the night...
This little life of mine...*

No. 524

Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❖ **Go in Peace** ❖