

# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*February 15, 2026      Epiphany VI*  
*Black History Month*

*Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”      Celebrating 44 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*

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Gathering Music

Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements

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 ~ *Isaiah 58:1-12*

Kurt Jaeger

Shout for all you are worth! Raise up your voice like a trumpet! Proclaim to the people their faults, tell the house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob their sins! Yet day after day they seek me and long to know my ways, as if they were a nation that wants to act with integrity and not ignore the Law of God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they long to draw near to God. They say, "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to God?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of God shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and God will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. God will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in desert places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

## Second Reading

~ adapted from "Where Do We Go From Here", by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Atlanta Georgia, 1967

And so we still have a long, long way to go before we reach the promised land of freedom. Yes, we have left the dusty soils of Egypt, and we have crossed a Red Sea that had for years been hardened by a long and piercing winter of massive resistance, but before we reach the majestic shores of the promised land, there will still be gigantic mountains of opposition ahead and prodigious hilltops of injustice. We still need people of conscience to alert every hamlet and every village of America that revolution is still at hand. Yes, we need a chart; we need a compass; indeed, we need some North Star to guide us into a future shrouded with impenetrable uncertainties.

Song of Response

We Shall Overcome

No. 570

Reflection

EPIPHANY     A Long Journey

Calibrating Your Compass

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering  
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Kurt Jaeger

*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

Closing Song

Lead Us from Death to Life

No. 581

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧