

# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*October 5, 2025*

*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

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

Gathering Words

David Teodosio

*~ adapted from The Collected Sermons of Rev. Fred Craddock*

One: Gratitude is often born of grace, and there is no other virtue like gratitude. None.

***Many: Have you ever known a person who is grateful, and at the same time  
mean, small, bitter, angry, hurtful or hateful?***

One: No, not when the person is grateful.

***ALL: There is no other virtue like gratitude. None.***

Prayers of the Community

Andrea Albamonte

First Reading ~ *Luke 15:1-10*

Kurt Jaeger

By this time a lot of people of dubious reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees, scribes, and legal experts were not at all pleased. They grumbled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Jesus then addressed this parable to them. “Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and search for the lost one until it’s found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine righteous people in no need of rescue. Or what woman who has ten silver coins and loses one, doesn’t light a lamp and sweep the house in a careful and diligent search until she finds what she had lost? And when it is found, then she calls in her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found the silver coin I had lost!’ Just so, I tell you, there will be the same kind of joy before the angels of God every time one lost soul turns to God.”

## Second Reading

Kat Velkoff

~ adapted from Brené Brown in "The Gifts of Imperfection"

Authenticity is the daily practice of letting go of who we think we're supposed to be and embracing who we are. Authenticity demands wholehearted living and loving—even when it's hard, even when we're wrestling with the shame and fear of not feeling good enough, and especially when the joy seems so intense that we're afraid to let ourselves feel it. Practicing authenticity during our most difficult, challenging, and lost moments is how we invite grace, gratitude, and joy into our lives.

Response

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

No. 23

Reflection

HARVEST

Lost & Found : Rejoice With Me!

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 & 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

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Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

✠ Go in Peace ✠