

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

August 13, 2023

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”

Celebrating 42 Years of Pride

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

Illumination

Genevieve Walker

Centering

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

Gathering Words

Tee

One: Right here, right now, we gather together to worship the God of all creation,

Many: Help us know the love you have for us and for all your creation, O God.

One: Right here, right now, we gather together to remember sacred stories
and to make them our own.

***Many: Help us open our hearts to all your people, O God,
and recommit ourselves to our relationships.***

One: Right here, right now, we gather together to be nourished as the body of Christ.

***Many: May the time in community we receive nourish us,
as our hearts are nourished in relationship with you, O God.***

Prayers of the Community

Starlene Keppel

First Reading ~ Matthew 19:16-22

Leigh Anne Arnold

Someone came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into Life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?", the youth asked. And Jesus said, You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your parents; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The youth said to Jesus, "I have kept all these. What more do I need to do?" Jesus said, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell what you own and give the money to poor people, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me." Upon hearing this the youth, whose possessions were many, went away sadly.

Second Reading ~ *from Mother Teresa*

Love cannot remain by itself—it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. Whatever form we are, able or disabled, rich or poor, it is not how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing; a lifelong sharing of love with others.

Song of Response

On The Journey
by Liam Lawton

Reflection

Life is a Journey
Love Through Action Kurt Jaeger

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Kurt Jaeger

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

Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing

Community Blessing ~ Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 495

Benediction and Sending Forth

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧