

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”

Celebrating 41 Years

Epiphany 6 February 12, 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

Words of Illumination

Centering

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

Gathering Words

Leigh Anne Arnold

~ adapted from 1 Corinthians 13, from re:think worship

One: God of Love,
We confess we are sometimes impatient, and often unkind;
We are quick to envy, and find subtle ways to boast;
There are times we are rude, and lift ourselves up as we put others down.

Many: Loving God, teach us to love.

One: God of Love
We confess that we are quickly angered;
We are quick to keep track of how often we've been wronged;
There are times when we celebrate the misfortune of others.

Many: Loving God, teach us to love.

One: When we are tempted to judge, to assume the worst... May love remind us to trust
When we are tempted to despair, to assume all is lost... May love remind us to hope
When we are tempted to give up... May love remind us to persevere

All: Loving God, teach us to love.

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

Today I have set before you life and success, or death and disaster. For today I command you to love YHWH, your God, to follow God's ways and keep the commandments, the laws and customs. If you do, you will live and increase, and YHWH, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, by loving YHWH, your God, by obeying God's voice, and clinging to YHWH. For that will mean life to you a long life in the land which God swore to give to your ancestors, to Sarah and Abraham, to Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and Jacob.

Second Reading ~ *from Maimonides, Sepherdic Jewish Philosopher (1138-1204)*

We have been given free will. Any person can become as righteous as Moses or as wicked as Jeroboam. We ourselves decide whether to make ourselves learned or ignorant, compassionate or cruel, generous or miserly. No one forces us, no one decides for us, no one drags us along one path or the other; we ourselves, by our own volition, choose our own way.

Response I Would Be True No. 492

Reflection LIFE CHOICES Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation Marcie Babey

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir
by Dwight Liles

☞ 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 Now In The Days of Youth No. 350

Benediction & Sending Forth Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛