

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 43 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia

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July 14, 2024

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change

Gathering Music

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 ~ *adapted from Scott Alexander*

Fab Fernandez

One: With so much hatred and violence,

Many: We need a religion that proclaims the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

One: In a world with so much uncertainty and despair,

Many: We need a religion that teaches our hearts to hope and our hands to care.

One: Hope tenders the difficult, and dreams uplift our souls.

ALL: Let us gather together in community, joined in hope and with care.

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Isaiah 32:1-8*

Genevieve Walker

Behold, a ruler will rule in a way that brings justice,
and leaders will make fair decisions.

Then each ruler will be like a shelter from the wind,
like a safe place in a storm,
like streams of water in a dry land,
like a cool shadow from a large rock in a hot land.

People will look to the leader for help,
and they will truly listen to what they say.

People who are now worried will be able to understand.

Those who cannot speak clearly now will then be able to speak clearly and quickly.

Fools will not be called great,
and people will not respect the wicked.

A fool says foolish things, and plans evil in their mind.

A fool does things that are wicked, and misrepresents YHWH.

A fool does not feed the hungry or let thirsty people drink water.

The wicked person uses evil like a tool.

The wicked person plans ways to take everything from the poor.

The wicked person destroys the poor with lies, even when the poor person is in the right.

But a good leader plans to do good,

and those good things make them a good leader.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from Rev. A. Powell Davies*

Let me tell you why I attend church. I do—and I would whether I was a preacher or not—because I fall below my own standards and need to be constantly brought back up to them. I am afraid of becoming selfish and indulgent, and my church community brings me back to what I want to be. I could easily despair; doubt and dismay could overwhelm me. My church community renews my courage and my hope. It is not enough that I should think about the world and its problems at the level of a newspaper report or magazine discussion (or nightly news or social media). It could too soon become too low a level. I must have my conscience sharpened until it leads me to the most thorough and responsible thinking of which I am capable. I must feel again the love that I owe to others. I must be grounded with hope. I must not only hear about it, but feel it. In church community, I do.

Song of Response For The Healing of the Nations No. 576

Reflection Biblically Hot

“...A Large Rock in a Hot Land....”

Rev Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Offertory

We Are An Offering

MCC NoVA Choir

Welcome To The Table!

Rev. Emma Chattin & Lee Shadwick

Invitation To The Table
Consecration & Words of Institution
Sharing The Open Meal of Christ
Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing

Community Blessing Rev. Emma Chattin

Closing Song

We Would Be Building

No. 607

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧