METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

November 15, 2026
Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & "Out"
Celebrating 45 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia!

There is a book at the Sanctuary entry where prayer requests may be entered.
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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

Prayers of the Community — Starlene Keppel

Choir Response

Gathering Words *~ adapted from John Buehrens*

One: Blessed are we who yearn for engagement more than escape,
and who are not afraid to grow in spirit.

Many: ***Blessed are we who take seriously the bonds of community;***
who regularly join and invest in worship, celebration, gathering, and learning;

One: Blessed are we who come as much to minister to others, as to be ministered unto;

Many: ***Blessed are we who invite others to come along to share in friendship.***

One: Blessed are we whose faith and love are revealed in our actions;

All: ***Blessed are we indeed!***

First Reading *~ Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, "For it is as if a wealthy landowner, who was going on a journey, summoned three workers and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to their ability. Then the landowner went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the landowner's money. After a long time the landowner returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'You handed me five talents; here are made five more.' The landowner said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy worker; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come share my joy!' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'You handed me two talents; here are two more.' The landowner said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy worker; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come share my joy!' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Knowing your ruthlessness-you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter-and fearing your wrath, I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

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The landowner exclaimed, 'You worthless lazy lout! So you knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and so on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from this one and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless worker, throw them into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Second Reading ~ *Adapted from Annie Dillard*

Don't hoard what seems good for a later place in the book, or for another book; give it, give it all, give it now. The very impulse to save something good for a better place later is the signal to spend it now. Something more will arise for later, something better. These things fill from behind, from beneath, like well water. Similarly, the impulse to keep to yourself what you have learned is not only shameful; it is destructive. Anything you do not give freely and abundantly becomes lost to you. You open your safe only to find ashes.

Song of Response I Would Be True No. 492

Reflection HARVEST

Be Better

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation Cornelius Butler

Offertory We Are An Offering MCC NoVA Choir

Welcome To The Table!

Kurt Jaeger and Heather James

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 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens No. 556

Benediction and Sending Forth Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

Go in Peace