

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

October 25, 2026 Stewardship Campaign IV

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.

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

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

Andrea Albamonte

Choir Response

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from John Buehrens*

One: Blessed are we who yearn for deepening more than escape;
who are not afraid to grow in spirit.

**Many: *Blessed are we who take seriously the bonds of community;
who regularly join in worship, celebration, 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 join in friendship, service, learning, and growth.***

One: Blessed are we who support the community and its work by our regular sustained and
generous giving, who give of ourselves just as freely as our treasure.

**Many: *Blessed are we who practice our beliefs,
whose faith and love are revealed in our actions;***

One: Blessed are we!

ALL: *Blessed are we indeed!*

First Reading ~ *James 2:14-20, 26*

My dear friends, what good is it if you say you have faith but don't practice it by your action? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see someone who is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and you say, "Go in peace, be warm and be filled!" – but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? Faith and belief alone, unaccompanied by action, is without life.

Some of you will say that you have faith and I have actions. Show me this faith of yours without the actions, and I will show you my faith **by** my actions. You say you have faith, for you believe there is one God. Well and good. Even demons believe that and tremble. Can't you see, o senseless ones, that faith without action is without use? Just as the body without spirit is dead, so faith without action is without life.

Contemporary Witness

Frank Vance

Song of Response

No.

Reflection

Stewardship IV

ACTION

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Ken Williamson 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 Rev. Emma Chattin

Closing Song

No.

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧