

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 44 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

Preparation for Prayer In Song

Prayers of the Community

First Reading ~ *Genesis 22:1-14*

Fab Fernandez

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled a donkey, and took two workers with him, and his son Isaac. Abraham chopped wood for the burnt offering, and started on the journey to the place God showed them. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. Then Abraham said to the workers, ‘Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there; we will worship and come back to you.’ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac. In his own hands he carried the fire and the knife. Then the two of them walked on alone.

Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my child.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ Abraham said, ‘My child, God will provide the lamb for a burnt offering.’ Then the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of God called out from heaven, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not do anything to him. I know now how deeply you revere God, since you did not refuse me your son, your only child.’

Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his child. So Abraham called that place ‘God Provides’; and so it is said to this day, ‘On this mountain, YHWH provides.’

Second Reading

Margot Scheiffley

*~ adapted from adapted from Alexandra Billings, actress, teacher, student, singer,
and among the first transgender women to portray a transgender character on TV*

Hold on. Grab the chance and shake it to it's roots. Stand in the middle. Wave. Jump. Skip.
Let go. Take the road less traveled and run like Hell. Find Heaven. Surrender completely. Never
give up totally. Always say Yes. Don't adhere. Don't conform. Don't whisper. Search constantly.
Join the race. Embrace your bigness. Love the silence. Find the Divine within yourself and so in
each person you pass -- bless them with the light you share and the darkness you don't. Stay home.
Go outside. Leap off the largest cliff possible and spread your wings farther than you dreamed and
head upwards towards the sun.

This is a Life worth Living. Hold on long enough to let go.

Response

I Sing The Mighty Power of God

No. 12

Reflection

Mountains of the Bible
The Mountains of Moriah

“Let Go”

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Kurt Jaeger & Ken Williamson
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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

No. 4

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧