

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”

Celebrating 42 Years

Pentecost May 28, 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

Centering

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

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Robert Eller-Isaacs*

Leigh Anne Arnold

One: For remaining silent when a single voice would have made a difference,

Many: We forgive ourselves and each other; and we begin again in love.

One: For each time that our fears have made us rigid and inaccessible,

Many: We forgive ourselves and each other; and we begin again in love.

One: For each time that we have struck out in anger without just cause,

Many: We forgive ourselves and each other; and we begin again in love.

One: For losing sight of our unity,

Many: We forgive ourselves and each other; and we begin again in love.

One: For those and for so many acts both evident and subtle which have fueled
the illusion of separateness,

ALL: We forgive ourselves and each other; and we begin again in love.

Prayers of the Community

Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Numbers 11: 24-25*

Jen Yi

So Moses went and told the people what God had said. He gathered seventy elders and had them surround the Tent. YHWH came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the Spirit that was in Moses, God bestowed it on the seventy elders whom Moses had gathered there; and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they were seized with prophesying, and did not stop.

Second Reading ~ *Acts 2:1-4*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Song of Response

Reflection

What's Love Got To Do With It?

Rev. Lori McPherson

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Marcie Babey

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Rev. Lori McPherson

Invitation To The Table

Consecration & Words of Institution

Sharing The Open Meal of Christ

Community Blessing ~ Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song

Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Lori McPherson

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧