

(METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

April 20, 2025

Easter

Anniversary Sunday

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.

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 44 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change Without Notice

Gathering Music		Jorge Martinez
After The Parade...		
Opening	Were You There?	Choir
Procession	HOLY by Lonnie Green	Choir
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
Opening Song	Morning Has Broken	Insert
Prayers of the Community		Dale Bradshaw
First Reading ~ Luke 24:1-12		Fab Fernandez

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee – that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense, an idle tale, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

Second Reading ~ *Luke 22:1-13*

Genevieve Walker

Something happened in the minds and hearts of Jesus' disciples, for whom everything had been lost. A transformation occurred, a radical shift from absolute despair to renewed hope, from a sense of the utter absence of Jesus to a feeling that in some way he was still with them. His death was not the end; it was the beginning. What had died became again lively in the world.

The possibility of transformation and renewal exists; it is in us. All around us are people whose lives, in ways large and small, have been transformed and renewed: those who have overcome the loss of what was most precious to them in the world, those who have won a battle with alcohol or other drugs, those who have transcended the temptation to despair when life was at its darkest, those who have transformed, changed and altered their lives in dramatic ways. Resurrection is not a long ago, unique, and unlikely event, but is potentially present in all human beings. It is a promise and a challenge, for it represents the possibility of radical change – transformation – based on a radical sense of hope.

Response

Give Thanks For Life

No. 297

Reflection

Nothing But The Wrappings

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

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 Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song

All Things New

Insert

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧