

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

September 24, 2023

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out”

Celebrating 42 Years of Pride

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

Kurt Jaeger

Centering

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

Illumination

Tee

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Frederick Buechner in “Beyond Words”*

Jamie Wallace

One: Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God,

Many: If you don’t have any questions, you are either kidding yourself, or you are asleep.

One: Questions are the ants in the pants of faith.

Many: They keep it awake and moving.

Prayers of the Community

Kurt Jaeger

Ancient Reading ~ *Isaiah 11:2-9*

Leigh Anne Arnold

The Spirit of YHWH will rest on you--
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of counsel and strength,
a spirit of knowledge and reverence for YHWH.

You will delight in obeying YHWH,
and you won't judge by appearances,
or make decisions by hearsay.

You will treat poor people with fairness
and will uphold the rights of the land's downtrodden.

With a single word you will strike down tyrants;
with your decrees you will execute evil people.

Justice will be the belt around your waist--
faithfulness will gird you up.

Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;

the calf and the lion cub will graze together,
and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear;
their young will lie down together.

The lion will eat hay like the ox.

The baby will play next to the den of the cobra,
and the toddler will dance over the viper's nest.

There will be no harm, no destruction
anywhere in my holy mountain;
for as water fills the sea,
so the land will be filled with knowledge of YHWH.

Song of Response

Reflection

Animals of the Bible

Lions & Leopards & Bears, O My!

Rev. Lori McPherson

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Tee

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

Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing

Community Blessing ~ Kurt Jaeger

Closing Song

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Lori McPherson

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛