



God Looks on the Heart (Integrity)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- + 4th Sunday in Lent/ Laetare Sunday
- + 3rd Sunday in Women's History Month
- + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(I Sam. 16: 1, 6-12 & John 9: 1-3, 9-12)

- 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
- 9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
- 11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, March 20: Office Closed

- + Feast of St. Joseph
- + Nat'l Native American AIDS Awareness Day
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, March 21

- + Global Day of Prayer to End Famine
- + Internat'l Day: Elimination of Racism
- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, March 22: World Water Day

- ♥ Happy Birthday Chan Tak!
- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

March is Women's History Month

2023: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round"

Thursday, March 23: Ramadan begins

- ♥ Happy Birthday Deacon Tressie & Tracie!
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Restoration Temple Rehearsal
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, March 24: World TB Day

- + Anniversary of St. Oscar Romero
- ♥ Happy 1st Birthday Stella Serpenetto!
- 12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett & Tonie Boykin (Facebook)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Saturday, March 25

- + Feast of the Annunciation
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- + 5th Sunday in Lent
- + 4th Sunday in Women's History Month
- ♥ Happy Birthday Christopher Bramfitt & Rev. Kerri Mesner!
- + Cand. Mike Easterling, preaching
(Ezk. 32: 12-14 & John 11: 1-4, 32-44)
- 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
- 9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
- 11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

* 9am & 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!

* **Pantry and shelter remain open.** + For pastoral calls: **332-400-7488**

CHANGE:

MCCNY has a new phone#: **332-400-7488**

Please make sure the Church has your cell phone number and email address!
Send to: **RvPatMCCNY@aol.com**

MCCNY 
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

March 19, 2023
✚ 4th Sunday in Lent
3rd Sunday in Women's History Month

MCC globally celebrates "53 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"
51st Anniversary Year at MCCNY: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round"

The Community at Worship 11am

ASL Interpreter (First, second, and third Sundays of the month and special celebrations)

Pat Dash

PRELUDE

Evan Swanson, Director of Music
Carolyn Traore, soloist

PROCESSION

"I am Thine, O God"

#100/Hymnal

Please stand as able

WELCOME

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

I Samuel 16: 1, 6-12

The First Lesson

I Samuel 16: 1, 6-12

Dios dijo a Samuel: "¿Hasta cuándo vas a estar triste por causa de Saúl? Ya no quiero que Saúl siga siendo gobernante de Israel. Anda, llena de aceite tu cuerno, que quiero que vayas a la casa de Jesé, el de Belén, porque ya escogí como gobernante a uno de sus niños." Cuando ellos llegaron, Samuel vio a Eliab y pensó: "Con toda seguridad éste es la persona que Dios ha escogido como gobernante." Pero Dios le dijo a Samuel: "No te fijes en su apariencia ni en su elevada estatura, pues yo lo he rechazado. No se trata de lo que la humanidad ve; pues la humanidad se fija en las apariencias, pero yo me fijo en el corazón." Entonces Jesé llamó a Abinadab, y se lo presentó a Samuel; pero Samuel comentó: "Tampoco a éste ha escogido Dios." Luego le presentó Jesé a Samá; pero Samuel dijo: "Tampoco Dios ha escogido a éste." Jesé presentó a Samuel siete de sus niños, pero Samuel tuvo que decirle que a ninguno de ellos lo había elegido Dios. Finalmente Samuel le preguntó a Jesé: "¿No tienes más niños?" "Falta el más pequeño, que es la persona que cuida el rebaño," respondió Jesé. "Manda a buscarlo," dijo Samuel, "porque no comenzaremos la ceremonia hasta que est niño llegue." Jesé lo mandó llamar. Y el chico era de piel sonrosada, agradable y bien parecido. Entonces Dios dijo a Samuel: "Éste es. Así que levántate y conságralo como gobernante."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

God said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being ruler over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a ruler among Jesse's children." When they came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the anointed is now before God." But God said to Samuel, "Do not look on the outward appearance or on the height of this one, because I have rejected Eliab, for God does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. Samuel said, "Neither has God chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And Samuel said, "Neither has God chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his children pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "God has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your children here?" And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring the child, for we will not sit down until he comes here." Jesse sent and brought David in. Now David was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. God said, "Rise and anoint David, for this is the one."

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Juan 9: 1-3, 6-12

The Second Lesson

John 9: 1-3, 6-12

Al salir, Jesús vio a su paso a una persona que había nacido ciego. Los discípulos le preguntaron a Jesús, "Maestro, ¿por qué nació ciego este persona? ¿Por el pecado de sus padres, o por su propio pecado?" Jesús les contestó: "Ni por su propio pecado ni por el de sus padres; fue más bien para que en ese persona se demuestre lo que Dios puede hacer." Después de haber dicho esto, Jesús escupió en el suelo, hizo con la saliva un poco de lodo y se lo untó al ciego en los ojos. Luego Jesús le dijo: "Ve a lavarte al estanque de Siloé (que significa: 'Enviado')." El ciego fue y se lavó, y cuando regresó ya podía ver. Los vecinos y los que antes lo habían visto pedir limosna se preguntaban: "¿No es éste la persona que se sentaba a pedir limosna?" Unos decían: "Sí, es la persona." Otros decían: "No, no es la persona, aunque se le parece." Pero la persona decía: "Sí, yo soy." Entonces le preguntaron a la persona, "¿Y cómo es que ahora puedes ver?" La persona les contestó: "Ese persona que se llama Jesús hizo lodo, me lo untó en los ojos, y me dijo: 'Ve al estanque de Siloé, y lávate.' Yo fui, y en cuanto me lavé, pude ver." Entonces le preguntaron a la persona: "¿Dónde está ese persona? Y la persona les dijo: "No lo sé."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

As Jesus walked along, he saw a person without vision from birth. The disciples asked Jesus, "Rabbi, who sinned, this person or their parents, that this person was born without vision?" Jesus answered, "Neither this person nor their parents sinned; this person was born without vision so that God's works might be revealed in them. When Jesus had said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the person's eyes, saying, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then the person went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen the person before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the one who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is them." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like the person." The person kept saying, "I am the one." But they kept asking, "Then how were your eyes opened?" The person answered, "The person called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my vision." They said to the person, "Where is that one?" The person said, "I do not know."

**+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD**

SELECTION

Choir

SERMON

**The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church of New York**

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offering Call

+ Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!

~ Please prayerfully consider direct donations through your bank or credit card giving.

THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

**Deacon Brenton Buchanan
Deacon Len Richardson
The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner**

God is with you
AND ALSO WITH YOU
Let us open our hearts
WE OPEN THEM TO GOD
Let us give God thanks and praise
IT IS A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING TO DO

MCCNY celebrates an OPEN COMMUNION. Everyone is welcome to share in the Gifts of God for the People of God. (Grape juice is used so that all may freely share in this meal. For those with health concerns, distributors sanitize their hands immediately before the service. Communion wafers for those with wheat or gluten allergies are available upon request. Please let your server know if you need this service.) A prayer of blessing will be offered, unless you request the sacrament only.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE SACREDNESS OF THIS SACRAMENT by praying silently or by joining in the singing of hymns.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Tal Como Soy"

#222/Hymnal

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#105/Hymnal

"Ven a mi Ser"

#48/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"I Can See Clearly Now" by Jimmy Cliff

Please stand as able

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone

I can see all obstacles in my way

Gone are the dark clouds from my eyes

It's gonna' be a bright (bright)

Bright sunshiny day . . .

BENEDICTION

+ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

PROGRAMMING at MCCNY

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM: Spiritual Direction is a process in which a mentor accompanies one person - the directee - for an extended period of time. Through conversation, prayer, and spiritual exercises, the mentor helps the directee clarify spiritual issues so that s/he can move toward a deeper experience with the Divine. To seek Direction, contact Bishop Reg at 332-400-7488.

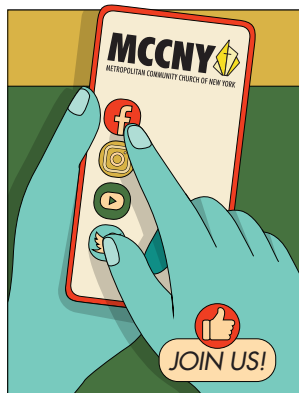
LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: Beginning October 2nd, all worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) will be live-streamed. Go to [facebook.com/mccny](https://www.facebook.com/mccny) and celebrate with your family of faith!

BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 5 pm. Our discussions connect the Scriptures, our faith, and queer Life. We use educational materials and methodologies that will help look at life from different perspectives: art, videos, and dialogue, among others. Come to one session, some sessions, or all sessions on Zoom. Contact: lambseeker@hotmail.com

MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry: If you would like to participate or send prayer requests, please contact prayers@mccny.org. You will receive a weekly list of prayer concerns about members and friends of our congregation, the wider MCC community, and social justice issues.

MCCNY E-Newsletter: This e-newsletter provides reflections, news and information for members and friends of MCC New York. If you want to subscribe, email Mike Easterling at Mike@mccny.org or text MCCNY to 22828.

PLEASE REMEMBER to list the Church and our phone number among those to be contacted in case of illness or an emergency. Church Pastors will contact and visit you. Please send your information to Mike at Mike@mccny.org



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- Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to 646-681-7445
- Email Mike (mike.mccny@gmail.com) to have credit giving set up for you

March is Women's History Month!

Easter



Palm Sunday, April 2nd	+ Blessing of Palms + Holy Week Begins
Holy Thursday, April 6th	7pm Foot Washing Service with Candidate Mike Easterling
Good Friday, April 7th	7pm Stations of the Cross and Reading of the Passion + The Rev. Jermaine Green, Unity Fellowship, preaching + Lavender Light Gospel Choir!
Holy Saturday, April 8th	7pm Easter Vigil and Lighting of the New Fire + The Ordination of Candidate Mike Easterling
Easter Sunday, April 9th	11am Celebration! Gala Reception! + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching

National Women's History Month Theme: "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"



Nellie Bly (born Elizabeth Cochran; May 5, 1864 – January 27, 1922) was a pioneering investigative journalist known for both her exposés and her record-breaking trip around the world in 72 days. Not content to cover traditional domains for women such as gardening or society, she set out to do "what no girl has done before," though news editors sought to constrain her to writing "fluff" pieces, the usual role for women journalists. After facing rejection after rejection, she finally persuaded the *New York World* to send her undercover into an asylum for women (on what is now known as Roosevelt Island) to investigate reports of brutality and neglect. Her report, later developed into a book, inspired change in the treatment of marginalized women.

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Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Deacon Frances Wood	<i>The Query</i> Editor
Deacon Les LaRue	<i>The Query</i> /Bulletin Design

Audio & Virtual Ministries

Live-streaming 9am	John Phelps
Live-streaming 11am	Bob Ferrara, audio
Virtual Worship Leader	Shelby Sparks
	Casey Easterling

Web Sites

	John Phelps
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ASL Interpreter

	Pat Dash
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Instagram and Facebook

	Casey Easterling
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