



Living in the Presence of God (Quarantining)



May is A/PI Heritage Month & National Foster Care Month

SUNDAY, MAY 2

- + **5th SUNDAY of EASTER!**
- + **Orthodox Easter/World Day of Prayer**
- + **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**
Online (facebook.com/MCCNY)

11:00am **Celebration Liturgy**
Online (facebook.com/MCCNY)

5:00 pm **Music & Message joins 11am Celebration!**
9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, May 3: Office closed
+ **World Press Freedom Day**

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, May 4

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
6:00 pm **Feminist Bible Study w/Intern Kelly on Zoom**
(Kj2514@utsnyc.edu)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, May 5: Cinco de Mayo

♥ **Happy Anniversary Mary Jane & Rev. Pat!**
12:15pm **Midweek Prayer and Praise!** (facebook.com/mccny)
1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
6:00 pm (to 7:30pm) **Q Clinic (now virtual for all clients)**
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, May 6: + National Day of Prayer

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
5:00 pm **Covenanted Bible/Theology Study with Rev. Reg via Skype**
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, May 7

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Bp. Reg!**
(lambseeker@hotmail.com)
12:00 pm **Taize Prayer with Candidate Brett** (facebook.com/mccny)
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

Saturday, May 8

♥ **Happy Birthday John McGee!**
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MAY 9

- + **6th SUNDAY of EASTER!**
- ♥ **Mother's Day**
- + **Blessing of Mothers at all services!**
- ♥ **Happy Anniversary John & Elliot McGee!**
- + **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**
(Acts 10: 25-48 & John 15: 9-17)

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* **ALL WORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUE ONLINE: Go to facebook.com/MCCNY**
* **Pantry and shelter remain open. + For pastoral calls: (212) 629-7440**



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



May 2, 2021
+ 5th Sunday of Easter

MCC globally celebrates "51 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"
49th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: A Year of Rising Again!

The Community at Worship 11am

PRELUDE

Jeff Cubeta, Director of Music
Carolyn Traore, soloist

PROCESSION

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

WELCOME

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

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera
The First Lesson

Hechos 9: 26-31
Acts 9: 26-31

Cuando Saulo llegó a Jerusalén, quiso reunirse con los creyentes; pero todos le tenían miedo, porque no creían que Saulo también fuera creyente. Sin embargo, Bernabé lo llevó y lo presentó a los apóstoles. Bernabé les contó que Saulo había visto al Maestro en el camino, y que el Maestro le había hablado a Saulo, y que, en Damasco, Saulo había anunciado a Jesús con toda valentía. Así Saulo se quedó en Jerusalén, y andaba con ellos. Hablaba del Maestro con toda valentía, conversando y discutiendo con la gente que hablaban griego; pero éstos procuraban matarlo. Cuando los creyentes se dieron cuenta de ello, llevaron a Saulo a Cesarea, y de allí lo mandaron a Tarso. Entonces la iglesia, en todas las regiones de Judea, Galilea y Samaria, tenía paz y crecía espiritualmente. Vivía en el temor de Dios y, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, iba aumentando en número.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that Saul was a disciple. But Barnabas took Saul, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road Saul had seen the Teacher, who had spoken to Saul, and how in Damascus Saul had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So Saul went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of God. Saul spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought Saul down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the reverence of God and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

La Lección Segunda

Juan 15: 1-8

The Second Lesson

John 15: 1-8

Jesús dijo, “Yo soy la vid verdadera, y Dios es le jardinero. Si una de mis ramas no da uvas, Dios la corta; pero si da uvas, Dios la poda y la limpia, para que dé más. Ustedes ya están limpios por las palabras que les he dicho. Sigán unidos a mí, como yo sigo unido a ustedes. Una rama no puede dar uvas de sí misma, si no está unida a la vid; de igual manera, ustedes no pueden dar fruto, si no permanecen unidos a mí. Yo soy la vid, y ustedes son las ramas. La persona que permanece unido a mí, y yo unido a la persona, da mucho fruto; pues sin mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada. La persona que no permanece unido a mí, será echado fuera y se secará como las ramas que se recogen y se queman en el fuego. Si ustedes permanecen unidos a mí, y si permanecen fieles a mis enseñanzas, pidan lo que quieran y se les dará. En esto se muestra la gloria de Dios, en que den mucho fruto y lleguen así a ser verdaderos discípulos míos.”

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Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and God is the vinegrower. God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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THANKS BE TO GOD**

SELECTION

Jeff Cubeta and MCCNY Musicians

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 this Easter season!

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

THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

Candidate Mike Easterling
Candidate Brett DiGoldi

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

Metropolitan Community Church of New York 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.

CLOSING SONG

“Resucitó”

BENEDICTION

✦ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

A Note from Rev. Eli:

Dear MCC New York family and others,

I'm delayed in responding but I wanted you to know how much it meant to me to receive all of your cards with well wishes and prayers for healing.

It means so much to know there are people praying for me all over the world, their strength gives me strength of my own when I feel weak. I don't intend to give up but sometimes the cancer seems overwhelming.

It's in those days that I remember your strength and your courage and your prayers for healing and recovery. I send my love to all of you and my blessing and hope that the prayer ministry continues to grow.

I join you every Sunday and am blessed by the message and the music.



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 212-629-7440.

CHRISTIANS OF AFRICAN DESCENT (C.A.D.) is part of the overall spiritual environment of MCCNY. For more information, call the Church office at 212-629-7440 or see Deacon Tressie or Aaron Lee Battle to talk about future plans.

GENDERPEOPLE OF MCCNY meets every Sunday at 12:30pm, hosted by Moshay Moses. We are a dynamic and confidential spirituality group of Transgender, Transsexual, Androgynous, Two-Spirit, and people with other than man–male or female–woman gender experience. For further information, see Moshay Moses or call 212-629-7440 ext. 221. **Next “Bread of Life” dinner (Trans Community) and Rev. Pat’s Finishing School. Suspended due to Covid-19.**

BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 6 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.

FIND MCCNY ON THE WEB at www.mccny.org • Facebook: /MCCNY • Youtube: /MCCNYC • Twitter: MCCNewYork • iTunes:mccny • Vimeo: /MCCNY

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

Support MCCNY!!!

Options abound!



- Sign up for one time or recurring giving at www.easytithe.com/mccny
- 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

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner	Pastor
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The Rev. Pang Wai Yep	Staff Clergy/Hong Kong
The Rev. Reg Richburg	Staff Clergy
The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt	Staff Clergy
Jeff Cubeta	Director of Music
Carolyn Eufrazio-Traore	Music & Message Director
The Little Big Band		

MCCNY Charities

Valentina Mota	. . . . .	HYS Development Associate
LaDedra Brown	. . . . .	HYS Program Manager
Cheshire Coburn	. . . . .	Client Services Assistant
Kailiah Hayes	. . . . .	Food Pantry Manager

LAY DELEGATES

Deacon Brenton Buchanan	Mike Easterling
John Fischer	Deacon Jen Heyward
Casey Easterling	Mary Jane Gibney, alternate

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Brett Di Goldi	Candidate
Mike Easterling	Candidate
Margot Wagner	Intern
Kelly Jordan	Intern

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Deacon Brenton Buchanan	Deacon Philip Pares
Deacon Tressie Carter	Deacon Len Richardson
Deacon Jen Heyward	Deacon Frances Wood
Deacon Les LaRue	

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PROGRAMMING

Religious Education/Membership

Bishop Reg Richburg	Facilitator
The Rev. Dr. Boon Lin Ngeo	. . . . .	Facilitator
Michael Easterling	. . . . .	Membership
Deacon Tressie Carter	Membership

GenderPeople

Moshay Moses	Facilitator
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Christians of African Descent

Deacon Brenton Buchanan	Facilitator
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E-Prayer Group

Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Hospitality	Aaron Lee Battle
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Newsletter/Bulletin

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

Audio/Video Ministry	John Phelps
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Web Sites	John Phelps
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ASL Interpreter	Pat Dash
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Finishing School/ Bread of Life Dinner	Mel Bryant
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