



# resurrection, for real though.

✦ March is Women's History Month

2026: A Year of Resilience!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- ✦ 4th Sun. Women's History Month
- ✦ 5th Sunday of Lent
- ✦ World Water Day (Water & Gender)
- ♥ Happy Birthday Chan Tak!
- ✦ Rev. Miller Hoffman, preaching  
(Ezk. 37: 12-14 & Jn. 11: 1-15)

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

### Monday, March 23: Office Closed

- ♥ Happy Birthday Deacon Tressie & Tracie!
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Tuesday, March 24

- ✦ Anniversary of Archbp. St. Oscar Romero
- ✦ World TB Day
- ♥ Happy Birthday Stella Serpinetto!
- 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 25

- ✦ Feast of the Annunciation of Jesus
- 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)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study (see ad)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Thursday, March 26

- ♥ Happy Birthday Christopher Bramfitt & Rev. Kerr Mesner!
- 9:00 am Food Pantry
- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Friday, March 27

- 12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett (Facebook)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Saturday, March 28

- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place
- 2:00 pm **NO KINGS DEMO!**  
Gather at 7th Ave. & Central Park South

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- ✦ **PALM SUNDAY!**
- ✦ **Blessing of Palms!**
- ✦ **Holy Week Begins!**
- ♥ Happy Birthday Paula Hart, Makailah Hayes, Anthony Reindhart, and Simon Fishburn!
- ♥ Happy Anniv. Rev. Mona West & Deb Elder!
- ✦ **The Rev. Dr. David Williams, preaching**  
(Mt. 21: 1-11, Is. 50: 4-7 & Mt. 26: 1-13)
- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
- 11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
- 12:45 pm **MOVIOLA: Barbie** (w/Deacon Len & Mary Elizabeth)!
- 9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

\* 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!

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

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



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

March 22, 2026

✦ 4th Sunday in Women's History Month

✦ 5th Sunday of Lent

MCC globally celebrates "57 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"

54th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: A Year of Resilience!

The Community at Worship 11am

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

Pat Dash

## PRELUDE

John Fischer, Music Director  
Carolyn Traore, Song Leader  
Heidi Siegell, Soloist

## PROCESSION

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

#15/Purple Pages  
*Please stand as able*

## WELCOME

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

✦ The Sign of Peace

## THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

The First Lesson

Ezequiel 37: 12-14

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Dios dice a Ezequiel, "Pues bien, háblales en mi nombre, y diles: Esto dice Dios: Pueblo mío, voy a abrir las tumbas de ustedes; voy a sacarlos de ellas y a hacerlos volver a la tierra de Israel. Y cuando yo abra sus tumbas y los saque de ellas, reconocerán ustedes, pueblo mío, que yo soy Dios. Yo pondré en ustedes mi aliento de vida, y ustedes revivirán; y los instalaré en su propia tierra. Entonces sabrán que yo, Dios, lo he dicho y lo he hecho. Yo, Dios, lo afirmo."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

God said to Ezekiel, "Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am God when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, God, have spoken and will act, says God."

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

The Second Lesson

Juan 11: 1-15

John 11: 1-15

Había una persona enfermo que se llamaba Lázaro, natural de Betania, el pueblo de María y de su hermana Marta. Esta María, que era hermana de Lázaro, fue la que derramó perfume sobre los pies de Jesús y los secó con sus cabellos. Así pues, las dos hermanas mandaron a decir a Jesús: "Maestro, tu amigo querido está enfermo." Jesús, al oírlo, dijo: "Esta enfermedad no va a terminar en muerte, sino que ha de servir para mostrar la gloria de Dios, y también la gloria del Niño de Dios." Aunque Jesús quería mucho a Marta, a su hermana y a Lázaro, cuando le dijeron que Lázaro estaba enfermo se quedó dos días más en el lugar donde se encontraba. Después Jesús dijo a los discípulos: "Vamos otra vez a Judea." Los discípulos le dijeron a Jesús, "Maestro, hace poco la gente de esa región trataron de matarte a pedradas, ¿y otra vez quieres ir allá?" Jesús les dijo: "¿No es cierto que el día tiene doce horas? Pues si uno anda de día, no tropieza, porque ve la luz que hay en este mundo; pero si uno anda de noche, tropieza, porque le falta la luz." Después Jesús añadió: "Nuestro amigo Lázaro se ha dormido, pero voy a despertarlo." Los discípulos le dijeron a Jesús, "Maestro, si Lázaro se ha dormido, es señal de que va a sanar." Pero lo que Jesús les decía es que Lázaro había muerto, mientras que los discípulos pensaban que se había referido al sueño natural. Entonces Jesús les dijo claramente: "Lázaro ha muerto. Y me alegro de no haber estado allí, porque así es mejor para ustedes, para que crean. Pero vamos a verlo."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Now a certain person was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed Jesus with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Jesus, the one whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Child of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to Jesus, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, Jesus told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to Jesus, "Jesus, if Lazarus has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about the death of Lazarus, but they thought that Jesus was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

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

## SELECTION

### SERMON

**The Rev. Elder Miller Hoffman  
Metropolitan Community Churches**

## 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 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

"Abide With Me"

#1/Hymnal

"Surely, the Presence"

#217/Hymnal

"Envía, Dios, Tu Espíritu"

#61/Hymnal

## CLOSING SONG

### "Keep Hope Alive"

*Please stand as able*

*Keep hope alive, Keep hope alive—*

*Don't let the dream die—*

*Got to keep hope alive . . .*

## BENEDICTION

✿ *Everyone is welcome to a reception following the service!*

**OVER** →

# 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:** All worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) are now 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](mailto:lambseeker@hotmail.com)

**MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry:** If you would like to participate in the prayer ministry or send prayer requests, please contact [prayers@mccny.org](mailto: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.

**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.

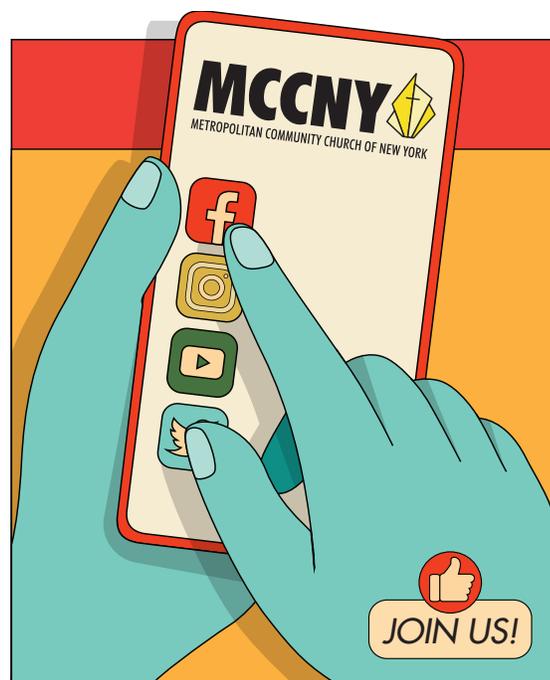
**MCCNY has a new phone number! 332-400-7488**

Join in a Lenten Bible Series,  
**“Tell Me The Stories of Jesus  
I Love to Hear”** 🎵🎵🎵

with author Amy Levine and Bp. Reg  
**Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom  
February 25th – March 25th**

Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/4tgX83D>  
Passcode: 536020/Meeting ID: 834 0533 0821

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March  
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# Women's History Month

## "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future"

In 2026 we honor women who have and are reimagining and rebuilding systems to ensure long-term sustainability environmentally, economically, educationally, and socially.



*Betty White* (1922–2021), with a career spanning seven decades, was a pioneer of early television, probably best known for her role in *Golden Girls*. But she was also the 1st woman to produce a sitcom (*Life with Elizabeth*), and the 1st woman to receive the Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Game Show Host. She twice earned the Guinness World Record for longest TV career by a female entertainer, 7 Emmy Awards, 3 Screen Actors Guild Awards, and a Grammy Award. A fierce advocate for animal welfare, she also received death threats for her support of racial equality, and was an advocate for marriage equality, telling opponents, "Mind your own business. . . don't worry about other people so much."

## Holy Week and Easter at MCCNY

Palm Sunday, March 29th	11am	+ Blessing of Palms + The Rev. Dr. David Williams, preaching
Holy Thursday, April 2nd	7pm	+ Footwashing Ceremony
Good Friday, April 3rd	7pm	+ Stations of the Cross/Reading of the Passion + Lavender Light Gospel Choir + The Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, preaching
Holy Saturday, April 4th	7pm	+ Easter Vigil Liturgy/Lighting of the New Fire + Reading of Salvation History/String Ensemble + The Rev. Kristen Orion, preaching
Easter Sunday, April 5th	11am	+ Celebration of the Resurrection! + Heart Awards/Gala Reception + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching



**PASTORAL STAFF**

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner . . . . .	<b>Pastor</b>
The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi . . . . .	<b>Staff Clergy</b>
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**MCCNY Charities**

LaDedra Brown . . . . .	<b>HYS Program Manager</b>
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**LAY DELEGATES**

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Deacon Jen Heyward
John Fischer	Mary Jane Gibney, alternate

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Bishop Reg Richburg . . . . .	Facilitator
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**Christians of African Descent**

Deacon Brenton Buchannan . . . . .	Facilitator
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**E-Prayer Group**

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Deacon Les LaRue . . . . .	<i>The Query</i> /Bulletin Design

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Virtual Worship Leader . . . . .	Margot Wagner

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