



to grow you must go missing, just don't disappear
the wisdom's in the living, not the years

—*Nobody Tells You When You're Young*
by Andrew McMahon and the Wilderness

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

Monday, March 27: Office Closed

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, March 28

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 29

♥ Happy Birthday Anthony Reindhardt,
Simon Fishburn, and McKaliah Hayes!

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

Thursday, March 30

♥ Happy Birthday Danny Gonzalez!

♥ Happy Anniv. Rev. Uthasy & Pastor Robai!

March is Women's History Month

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

Thursday, March 30 (cont.)

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 31: Trans Day of Visibility!

+ Anniversary of Sylvia's Place (2003)

♥ Happy Birthday Jack Waddell!

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

* April is Arab American History Month
& STD Awareness Month

Saturday, April 01

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, APRIL 02

+ PALM SUNDAY!

+ Blessing of Palms at all Services

+ HOLY WEEK Begins!

+ The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt, preaching

(Mt. 21: 1-11, Is. 50: 4-7, Mt. 26: 14-29)

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* 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 26, 2023
✚ 5th Sunday in Lent
4th 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

"Bellas Palabras de Vida/Wonderful Words of Life"

#205/Hymnal
Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

Ezequiel 37: 12-14

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

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**

Therefore prophesy and say: "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

Juan 11: 1-4, 32-44

The Second Lesson

John 11: 1-4, 32-44

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. Cuando María llegó a donde estaba Jesús, se puso de rodillas a sus pies, diciendo: "Maestro, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto." Jesús, al ver llorar a María y a la gente que habían llegado con ella, se conmovió profundamente y se estremeció, y les preguntó: "¿Dónde lo sepultaron?" Le dijeron a Jesús: "Ven a verlo, Maestro. Y Jesús lloró. La gente dijeron entonces: "¡Miren cuánto Jesús lo quería!" Pero algunos de ellos decían: "Éste, que dio la vista al ciego, ¿no podría haber hecho algo para que Lázaro no muriera?" Jesús, otra vez muy conmovido, se acercó a la tumba. Era una cueva, cuya entrada estaba tapada con una piedra. Jesús dijo: "Quiten la piedra." Marta, la hermana de Lázaro, le dijo a Jesús: "Maestro, ya huele mal, porque hace cuatro días que murió." Jesús le contestó a Marta: "¿No te dije que, si crees, verás la gloria de Dios?" Quitaron la piedra, y Jesús, mirando al cielo, dijo: "O Dios, te doy gracias porque me has escuchado. Yo sé que siempre me escuchas, pero lo digo por el bien de esta gente que está aquí, para que crean que tú me has enviado." Después de decir esto, Jesús gritó: "¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!" Y la persona que había estado muerto salió, con las manos y los pies atados con vendas y la cara envuelta en un lienzo. Jesús les dijo: "Desátenlo y déjenlo ir."

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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, "Teacher, 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." When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at Jesus feet and said: "Teacher, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the people who came with her also weeping, Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. Jesus said, "Where have you laid Lazarus?" They said to Jesus, "Teacher, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the people said, "See how Jesus loved Lazarus!" But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the person without vision have kept this person from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead person, said to Jesus, "Teacher, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "O God, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead person came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind Lazarus, and let him go."

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SELECTION

Choir

SERMON

Candidate for the Ministry Mike Easterling
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 Buchannan
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

"Te Presentamos"

#223/Hymnal

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#163/Hymnal

"Were You There"

#14/Purple Pages

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

✚ *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.

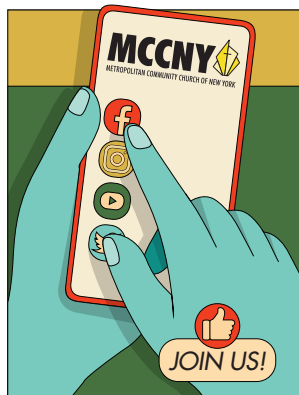
LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: Beginning October 2nd, all worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) will be live-streamed. Go to [facebook.com/mccny](https://www.facebook.com/mccny) and celebrate with your family of faith!

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.

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- Email Mike (mike.mccny@gmail.com) to have credit giving set up for you

Easter



Palm Sunday, April 2nd

+ Blessing of Palms
+ The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt, preaching
+ 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"



The daughter of Chinese immigrants, **Vera Wang** was born June 27, 1949, in New York City. She began figure skating at the age of eight and was featured in *Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd* in the January 9, 1968 issue. When she failed to make the U.S. Olympics team, she entered the fashion industry, becoming the youngest editor at *Vogue* immediately after graduating from Sarah Lawrence College and continuing at the magazine for 17 years. At 40, she became an independent bridal wear designer, making wedding gowns for countless celebrities such as Ariana Grande and Chelsea Clinton. She also designed figure skating costumes worn at the Olympics by, among others, Nancy Kerrigan and Michelle Kwan. Her evening wear has been worn at red carpet events by many stars, including Michelle

Obama. On Tuesday, March 21st, President Biden honored her with the National Medal of Arts for her iconic designs, an occasion she described as "an out of body experience."

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

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

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