

Blessed are those who have not seen, yet believed.

✦ April is Fair Housing/Arab American Heritage/STD Awareness Month

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

✦ 2nd Sunday of Easter

✦ Orthodox Easter!

♥ Happy Anniv. Montel & Yolanda Cherry-Holmes!

✦ The Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline, preaching
(Acts 2: 42-47 & Jn. 20: 19-31)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, April 13: Office Closed

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, April 14

☆ Yom HaShoah

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Hector Gutierrez!

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

7:00 pm Board of Directors via Zoom

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, April 15

♥ Happy Birthday Noble Wilson-Eiden!

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

2026: A Year of Resilience!

Thursday, April 16

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, April 17

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, April 18

♣ National Trans HIV Testing Day

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

✦ 3rd Sunday of Easter

✦ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Acts 2: 14, 22-33 & Lk. 24: 13-35)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

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

MCCNY 
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

April 12, 2026
+ 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory!"

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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

Hechos 2: 42-47

The First Lesson

Acts 2: 42-47

Todos los creyentes seguían firme en lo que los apóstoles los enseñaban y en compartían lo que tenían, y se reunían para partir el pan y en la oración. Todos estaban asombrados a causa de los muchos milagros y señales que Dios hacía por medio de los apóstoles. Todos los creyentes estaban muy unidos y compartían sus bienes entre sí; vendían sus propiedades y todo lo que tenían, y repartían el dinero según las necesidades de cada uno. Todos los días se reunían en el templo, y en las casas partían el pan y comían juntos con alegría y sencillez de corazón. Alababan a Dios y eran estimados por todos; y cada día Dios hacía crecer la comunidad con el número de los que Dios iba llamando a la salvación.

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

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Juan 20: 19-31

The Second Lesson

John 20: 19-31

Al llegar la noche de aquel mismo día, el primero de la semana, los discípulos se habían reunido con las puertas cerradas por miedo a las autoridades religiosas. Jesús entró y, poniéndose en medio de los discípulos, los saludó diciendo: "¡Paz a ustedes!" Dicho esto, Jesús les mostró las manos y el costado. Y ellos se alegraron de ver al Maestro. Luego Jesús les dijo otra vez: "¡Paz a ustedes! Como Dios me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes." Y Jesús sopló sobre ellos, y les dijo: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes ustedes perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a quienes no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar." Tomás, uno de los doce discípulos, la persona que llamaban el Gemelo, no estaba con ellos cuando llegó Jesús. Después los otros discípulos le dijeron a Tomás: "Hemos visto al Maestro." Pero Tomás les contestó: "Si no veo en sus manos las heridas de los clavos, y si no meto mi dedo en ellas y mi mano en su costado, no lo podré creer." Ocho días después, los discípulos se habían reunido de nuevo en una casa, y esta vez Tomás estaba también. Tenían las puertas cerradas, pero Jesús entró, se puso en medio de ellos y los saludó, diciendo: "¡Paz a ustedes!" Luego Jesús dijo a Tomás: "Mete aquí tu dedo, y mira mis manos; y trae tu mano y métela en mi costado. No seas incrédulo; ¡cree!" Tomás entonces exclamó: "¡Mi Soberano y mi Dios!" Jesús le dijo a Tomás: "¿Crees porque me has visto? ¡Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto!" Jesús hizo muchas otras señales milagrosas delante de los discípulos, las cuales no están escritas en este libro. Pero éstas se han escrito para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Niño de Dios, y para que creyendo tengan vida por medio de Jesús.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Teacher. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin) one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Teacher." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Sovereign and my God!" Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Child of God, and that through believing you may have life in Jesus' name.

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

**SELECTION
SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline
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 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

"Dame, Mi Buen Cristo"

#48/Hymnal

"Caridad y Comprensión"

#34/Hymnal

"Amor de Jesús, Nos Unio"

#15/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Resucitó"

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Please stand as able**

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

MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry: If you would like to participate in the prayer ministry 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.

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

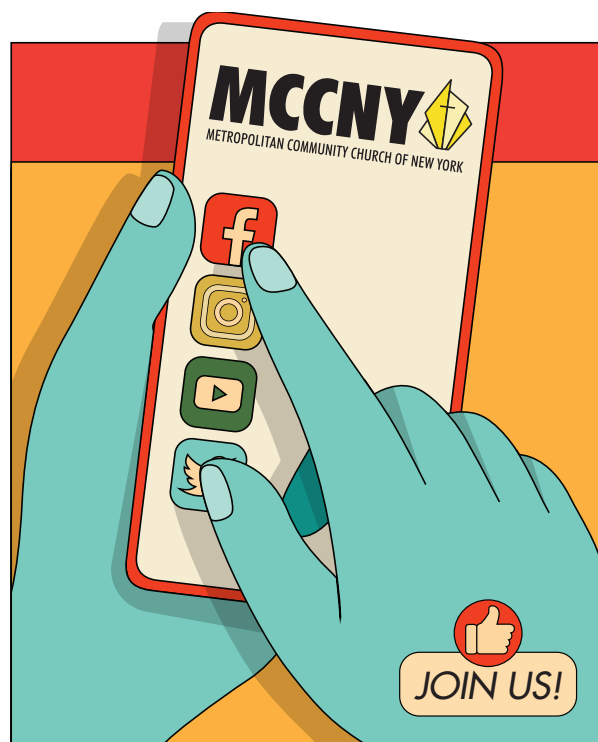
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TRANSGENDER
SUICIDE HOTLINE
(Trans Lifeline):
877-565-8860



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Resucitó

**Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.**

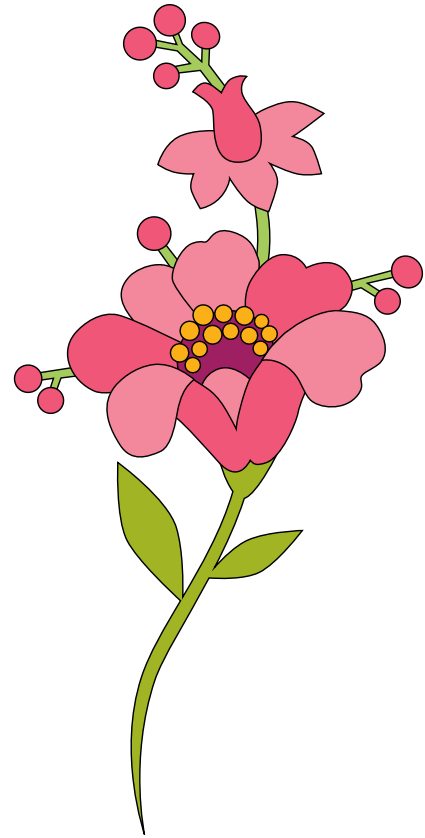
**La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?**

**Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.**

Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.

**La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?**

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Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.**



WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



DO NOT OPEN DOORS

ICE cannot come in without a signed warrant by a criminal court judge. They can only come in if you let them.



REMAIN SILENT

ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!

***Say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent".**



DO NOT SIGN

Don't sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.



REPORT & RECORD!

Report immediately: UWD hotline 1-844-363-1423.

Take pictures & video unless you're on federal government property.
Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car and exactly what happened!



FIGHT BACK!

Get a trustworthy attorney & explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail - don't give up hope! Join your local team to defend yourself from enforcement!



Know Your Power

Record and Report:

Step 1 - Ensure Audio and recording is on and ready to be used and linked to a cloud.

Step 2 - Get information of the officer's, name, badge and agency.

Step 3 - Narrate the date, time and location of event.

Step 4 - Do not disclose the information of your loved ones or yourself to the agents.

Step 5 - Report it to the **MigraWatch** Hotline and send your video/pics to migrawatch@unitedwedream.org

Always remember you have the power to make choices, you have a choice over your safety, how you respond and what you choose to share.

To learn more about your power and your rights visit:

unitedwedream.org/knowyourpower

While asserting our rights does not guarantee the stop of arrest at the moment, it is important to exercise our rights to facilitate our defense. You are not alone. Our movement is ready to support you, fight for your freedom, and reclaim the humanity of our community.





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