



# The Way

+ May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage and National Foster Care Month

## SUNDAY, MAY 03

+ **5th Sunday of Easter**

★ **World Press Freedom Day**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Acts 6: 1-7 & John 14: 1-12)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

**Monday, May 04: Office Closed/Star Wars Day!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Lloyd Lee!**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

**Tuesday, May 05: Cinco de Mayo**

+ **International Family Equality Day**

♥ **Happy 40th Anniversary Mary Jane Gibney & Rev. Pat!**

♥ **Happy Anniversary John Hernandez & Rev. Steve!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Charlotte Watson!**

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, May 06**

♥ **Happy Birthday Tilson Rosa & Asa Orion!**

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Bp. Reg!**

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, May 07**

+ **National Day of Prayer**

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, May 08**

♥ **Happy Birthday John McGee!**

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, May 09**

♥ **Happy Anniversary John & Elliott McGee!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

+ **6th Sunday of Easter**

+ **Mothers Day!**

+ **Blessing of Mothers**

+ **Deacon Les LaRue, preaching**

(Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 & John 14: 15-21)

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!

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May 03, 2026  
✚ 5th 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

"Bellas Palabras de Vida/Beautiful Words of Life"

#205/Hymnal

*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

Hechos 6: 1-7

Acts 6: 1-7

En aquel tiempo, como el número de los creyentes iba aumentando, los de habla griega comenzaron a quejarse de los de habla hebrea, diciendo que las viudas griegas no eran bien atendidas en la distribución diaria de ayuda. Los doce apóstoles reunieron a todos los creyentes, y les dijeron: "No está bien que nosotros dejemos de anunciar el mensaje de Dios para dedicarnos a la administración. Así que, hermanos y hermanas, busquen entre ustedes siete personas de confianza, entendidos y llenos del Espíritu Santo, para que les encarguemos estos trabajos. Nosotros seguiremos orando y proclamando el mensaje de Dios." Todos estuvieron de acuerdo, y escogieron a Esteban, persona lleno de fe y del Espíritu Santo, y a Felipe, a Prócoro, a Nicanor, a Timón, a Pármenas y a Nicolás, uno de Antioquía que es un convertirse a la fe. Luego los llevaron a donde estaban los apóstoles, los cuales oraron y les impusieron las manos. El mensaje de Dios iba extendiéndose, y el número de los creyentes aumentaba mucho en Jerusalén. Incluso muchos sacerdotes aceptaban la fe.

**✚ Esta es la Palabra de Dios  
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven people of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these seven stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

The Second Lesson

Juan 14: 1-12

John 14: 1-12

Jesus dijo, "No se angustien ustedes. Crean en Dios y crean también en mí. En la casa de Dios hay muchos lugares donde vivir; si no fuera así, yo no les hubiera dicho que voy a prepararles un lugar. Y después de irme y de prepararles un lugar, vendré otra vez para llevarlos conmigo, para que ustedes estén en el mismo lugar en donde yo voy a estar. Ustedes saben el camino que lleva a donde yo voy." Tomás le dijo a Jesús: "Maestro, no sabemos a dónde vas, ¿cómo vamos a saber el camino?" Jesús le contestó a Tomás: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Solamente por mí se puede llegar a Dios. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, también conocerán a Dios; y ya lo conocen desde ahora, pues lo han estado viendo." Felipe le dijo entonces: "Maestro, déjanos ver a Dios, y con eso nos basta." Jesús le contestó a Felipe: "Felipe, hace tanto tiempo que estoy con ustedes, ¿y todavía no me conoces? La persona que me ha visto a mí, ha visto a Dios; ¿por qué me pides que les deje ver a Dios? ¿No crees que yo estoy en Dios y Dios está en mí? Las cosas que les digo, no las digo por mi propia cuenta. Dios, que vive en mí, es la persona que hace las

propias obras. Créanme que yo estoy en Dios y Dios está en mí; si no, crean al menos por las obras mismas. Les aseguro que la persona que cree en mí hará también las obras que yo hago; y hará otras todavía más grandes, porque yo voy a donde está Dios.”

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my God’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to Jesus, “Teacher, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to Thomas, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me. If you know me, you will also know God. From now on you do know God and have seen God.” Philip said to Jesus, “Teacher, show us God, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to Philip, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God. How can you say, ‘Show us God’? Do you not believe that I am in God and God is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but God who dwells in me does these works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to God.”

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THANKS BE TO GOD**

## SELECTION

## SERMON

**The Rev. 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 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

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

#37/Hymnal

“Yo te Amo”

#9/Hymnal

“God, I Want to be a Christian”

#74/Hymnal

## CLOSING SONG

**“Resucitó”**

**Printed on reverse side**

*Please stand as able*

## BENEDICTION

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

**+ Stained Glass by Jackson Hall**

**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:** The 11am Celebration is 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

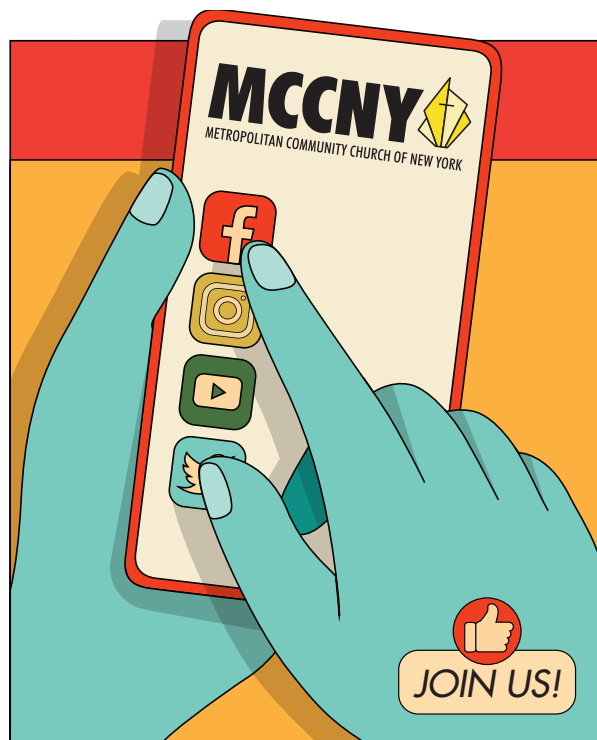
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# Resucitó

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

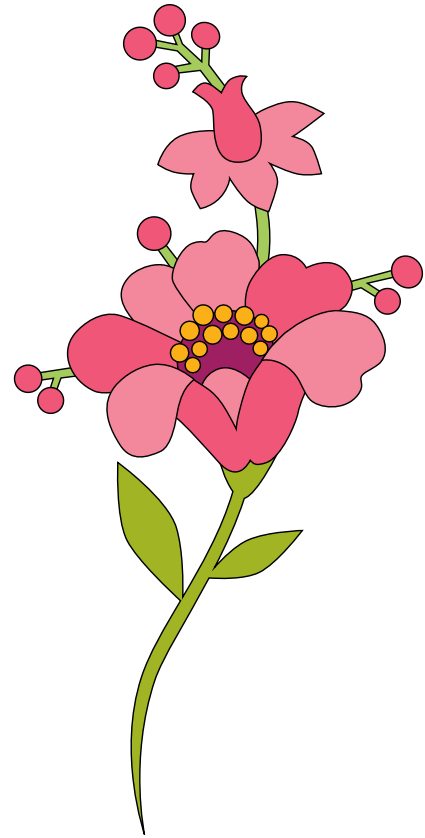
**La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?  
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?**

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

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¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?**

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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.





**PASTORAL STAFF**

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner . . . . . **Pastor**  
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LaDedra Brown . . . . . **HYS Program Manager**  
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