



Love's Imperative

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17

+ **7th Sunday of Easter**

+ **Ascension of Jesus**

* **Brown-v-Board of Education (1954) + IDAHOBIT!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Frank DiMarco!**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Deacons Les & Frances!**

+ **Lay Preacher Sophia Pazos, preaching**

(Acts 1: 1-11 & Mt. 28: 16-20)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, May 18: Office Closed

♥ **Happy Birthday Samantha Shoffner!**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Su Stoa & Sharon Hines!**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, May 19

* **National A/PI AIDS & HIV Awareness Day**

♥ **Happy Birthday Terry Tilley!**

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Rev. Kerr Mesner!**

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 20

♥ **Happy Birthday Alva Bostick & Heimir!**

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 21:

+ **Global Day of Prayer to End Famine**

♥ **Happy Birthday Sadesha!**

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 22: Harvey Milk Day!

♥ **Happy Birthday Pat Dash!**

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 23

♥ **Happy Birthday Deacon Jen & Damon Bishop!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MAY 24

+ **Pentecost Sunday!**

+ **Blessing of Tongues!**

* **Anniv. of Uvalde Massacre (2022)**

+ **Pansexual/Panromantic Awareness & Visibility Day**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Eric & Dan!**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**

(Acts 2: 1-11 & John 20: 19-23)

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 17, 2026
+ 7th 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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#4/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 1: 1-11
Acts 1: 1-11

En mi primer libro, excelentísimo Teófilo, escribí acerca de todo lo que Jesús había hecho y enseñado desde el principio y hasta el día en que Jesús subió al cielo. Antes de irse, por medio del Espíritu Santo Jesús dio instrucciones a los apóstoles que había escogido respecto a lo que debían hacer. Y después de muerto Jesús se les presentó en persona, dándoles así claras pruebas de que estaba vivo. Durante cuarenta días Jesús se dejó ver de ellos y les estuvo hablando del reino de Dios. Cuando todavía estaba con los apóstoles, Jesús les advirtió que no debían irse de Jerusalén. Jesús les dijo: "Esperen a que se cumpla la promesa que Dios les hizo, de la cual yo les hablé. Es cierto que Juan bautizó con agua, pero dentro de pocos días ustedes serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo." Los que estaban reunidos con Jesús, le preguntaron: "Maestro, ¿vas a restablecer en este momento el reino de Dios?" Jesús les contestó: "No les corresponde a ustedes conocer el día o el momento que Dios ha fijado con autoridad; pero cuando el Espíritu Santo venga sobre ustedes, recibirán poder y saldrán a dar testimonio de mí, en Jerusalén, en toda la región de Judea y de Samaria, y hasta en las partes más lejanas de la tierra." Jesús dicho esto, mientras ellos lo estaban mirando, Jesús fue levantado, y una nube lo envolvió y no lo volvieron a ver. Y mientras miraban fijamente al cielo, viendo cómo Jesús se alejaba, dos personas vestidos de blanco se aparecieron junto a ellos y les dijeron: "¿Por qué se han quedado mirando al cielo? Este mismo Jesús que estuvo entre ustedes y que ha sido llevado al cielo, vendrá otra vez de la misma manera que lo han visto irse allá."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom Jesus had chosen. After suffering Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the reign of God. While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of God. "This," Jesus said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked, "Teacher, is this the time when you will restore the reign of God?" Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has the authority to set. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While Jesus was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two people in white robes stood by them. They said, "Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Matthew 28: 16-20
Mateo 28: 16-20

Los once discípulos se fueron a Galilea, al cerro que Jesús les había indicado. Y cuando vieron a Jesús, lo adoraron, aunque algunos dudaban. Jesús se acercó a ellos y les dijo: "Dios me ha dado toda autoridad en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, a las gentes de todas las naciones, y háganlas mis discípulos; bautícenlas en el nombre del Creador, del Niño de Dios, y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a obedecer todo lo que les he mandado a ustedes. Por mi parte, yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo."

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Jesus, they worshiped, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator and of the Child of God and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

SELECTION

SERMON

Sophia Pazos, Lay Preacher
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

"Abide With Me"

#4/Hymnal

"Take My Life . . ."

#220/Hymnal

"Benedición y Honra"

#231/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

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

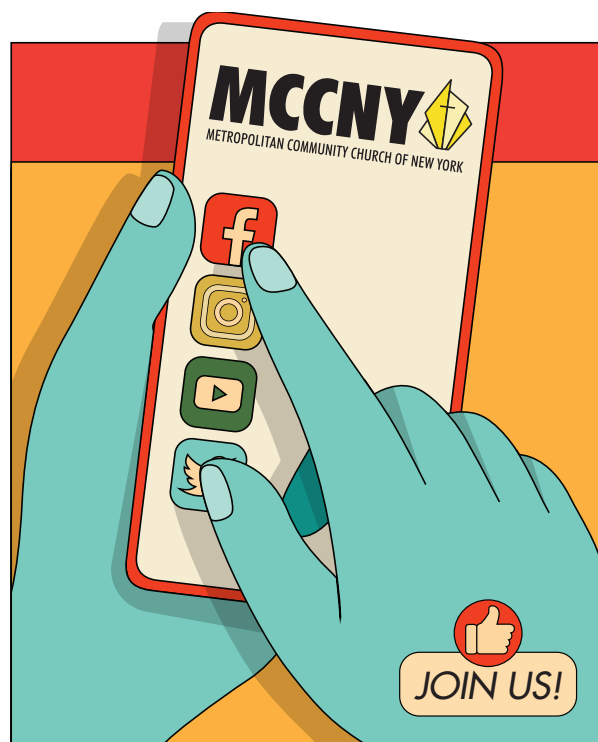
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Resucitó

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

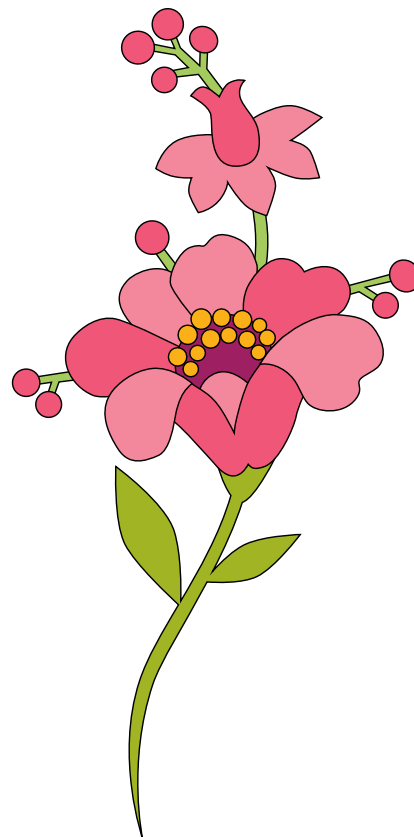
**La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?**

**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?**

**Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
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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