



*Celebration of the Life  
of  
Amanda Milan*

*20 November 1974 — 20 June 2000*

# MCCNY

23 July

3:30 PM

Prelude

Wau-Chuan Kao, piano

Welcome

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

+Opening Prayer

Hymn

"You've Got the Whole World"

#286/Please Stand

The Lesson

John 15: 12-20

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you slaves any longer, because those who are enslaved do not know what the one who enslaves them is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world---therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Slaves are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also."

+This is the Word of God  
THANKS BE TO GOD

Selection

The Rev. Pressley Sutherland, soloist

The Sharing of Memories

+Following the introduction by the Pastor, anyone who wishes to speak in memory of Amanda is invited to do so. You may speak from your seat or from the podium.

+COMMUNITY PRAYER+

Our God, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy common/wealth come  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the common/wealth and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

+ All monies to reimburse MGN for the cost of a wreath for Amanda's funeral in Chicago. Remaining monies to supply personal items for proposed safe space for Trans street workers.

The Celebration And Sharing Of Communion

The Rev. Reg Richburg

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

Metropolitan Community Church of New York 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.} A prayer of blessing will be offered, unless you request the sacrament only. If you have special prayer needs, please see a staff member at the Pride Flag after service.

The Commending of Amanda's Spirit

Hymn "O Mary, Don't You Weep"

#164/Please Stand

Benediction

+Everyone is encouraged to join a march to the site of Amanda's murder, where we will establish a street shrine to her memory and read the names of trans murder victims.

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THANK YOU to everyone who donated time, energy, supplies and money to Amanda's Memorial and March.

THANK YOU to all co-sponsors of today's service and march, including:

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