NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

10:45 a.m.

January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

MORNING WORSHIP Rev. Mark Byrd Bread, Bath, & Beyond (believing)

Celebrating & Claiming God's Presence & Promises
Part 4:

"Getting Beyond the Chaos Around Us...
To See the Horizon(s) Before Us"

GATHERING CALL

Psalm 136:16 Deuteronomy 31:8 Jeremiah 29:11

Give thanks to the one who led God's own people through the desert wilderness—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

El amor fiel de Dios dura para siempre.

The LORD goes before you and will be with you; never to leave you nor forsake you. **Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."**No tengas miedo; no te desanimes."

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to give you peace and not to harm you... planea darte paz y no hacerte daño... plans to give you hope and a future. planes para darte esperanza y un futuro.

Mark 1:14-21a, 29-39

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!" As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers. Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum...

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. The whole town gathered near the door. He healed many who were

sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him. Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. Simon and those with him tracked him down. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!" He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord is with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of The Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Proclamation of our faith:
All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ shall come again.
Hallelujah!

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We Are...

ORDINARY PEOPLE

Somos...

PERSONAS REGULAR

Believing...

GOD'S LOVE IS FOR ALL

Creemos...

EL AMOR DE DIOS ES PARA TODOS

Called To ...

REVEAL GOD'S PRESENCE IN EVERYONE

Llamados...

A REVELAR PRESENCIA DE DIOS EN TODO Y TODO

NLMCC Song Sheet

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OPENING CELEBRATION

You Are Good

V: Lord You are good And Your mercy endureth forever. Lord You are good And Your mercy endureth forever. People from every nation and tongue, From generation to generation -

C: We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah. We worship You for who You are. We worship You, Hallelujah hallelujah. We worship You for who You are, For You are good (C)

B: You are good all the time, All the time You are good. You are good all the time, All the time You are good.

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Sunrise

V1: I can see the dawn of a new day; I can see a new horizon. I remember all You've told me; I can feel my faith arising.

PC: I have set my heart on who I know You are. Yeah I have set my sights on You. (Do what You want to do)

C1: I'm coming out of the midnight hour. I'm Coming out of the shadows. I know Ev'ry time I choose to lift my eyes, I see sunrise.

V2: I have walked the lowest valleys; I have stood before the lions. You were with me in the trenches; You are greater than the giant. (C1)

C2: I'm coming into the promised hope now, With the faith that I won't let go. Ev'ry time I choose to lift my eyes, I see sunrise.

WELCOME

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SONG, PRAYER, & SCRIPTURE

Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus, Can't nobody do me like the Lord; Can't nobody do me like Jesus; He's my friend. (Repeat)

V2: Healed my body, told me to run on...

V3: Picked me up and turned me around...

Praying Together...

- Prayers for Our Nation
- Our Praises & Petitions

Choral Response:

Change My Heart Oh God; Make it ever true. Change my heart oh God; May I be like You.

V: You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; This is what I pray.

Reading of the Scriptures

Mark 1:14-21a, 29-39 Choral Response:

Through It All

V1: I've had many tears and sorrows; I've had questions for tomorrow. There've been times, I didn't know right from wrong. But in ev'ry situation, God gave blessed consolation. That my trials come, To only make me strong.

V2: I've been to lots of places, And I've seen so many faces. There've been times I felt so all alone. But in my lonely hours yes, Those precious lonely hours, Jesus let me know that I was His own.

C: Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus; I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His word.

V3: I thank God for the mountains, And I thank Him for the valleys. I thank Him for the storms He brought me through. For if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know that He could solve them; I'd never know what faith in God could do (C)

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

V1: Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

R: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness, God, unto me!

V2: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (R)

Congregational Response: **Doxology**

MORNING MESSAGE

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditation: *The Way*

V1: Through every battle, Through every heartbreak, Through every circumstance, I believe that You are my fortress. Oh You are my portion, You are my hiding place, Oh I believe You are.

C: The Way the Truth the Life, I believe You are The Way the Truth the Life, I believe (You are)

V2: Through every blessing, Through every promise, Through every breath I take, I believe that You are provider. You are protector, You are the One I love. I believe You are.

B: It's a new horizon, And I'm set on You. And You meet me here today, With mercies that are new. All my fears and doubts, They can all come too Because they can't stay long.

The Lord's Prayer - unison

CLOSING SONG

I've Got a Feelin'

V1: I've got a feelin' ev'rything's gonna be alright. I've got a feelin' ev'rything's gonna be alright. I've got a feelin' ev'rything's gonna be alright. Be alright, be alright, be alright

V2: The Holy Ghost done told me ev'rything's...
V3: Jesus made a way and ev'rything's...

BENEDICTION

Walking Up the King's Highway

R: It's a highway to heaven. None can walk up there, But the pure in heart. It's a highway to heaven. I am walking up the king's highway.

V1: My way gets brighter; My load gets lighter. Walking up the King's highway. There's joy in knowing with Him I'm going. Walking up the King's highway.

V2: Don't have to worry, don't have to hurry. Walking up the King's highway. Christ walks beside me; angels to guide me. Walking up the King's highway. (R)

V3: If you're not walking, Start while I'm talking. Walking up the King's highway. There'll be a blessing you'll be possessing. Walking up the King's highway. (R)

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