NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

10:45 a.m.

March 7, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Byrd

Beloved Listening:

"What Does It Mean To Listen To Jesus?"

GATHERING CALL Isaiah 40:28-31 Acts 4:20

Don't you know? Haven't you heard? No sabes ¿No has escuchado?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth... El creador de los confines de la tierra.

Who doesn't grow tired or weary. *Que no se cansa ni se cansa.*

Whose understanding is beyond human reach,

Cuya comprensión está más allá del alcance humano

Who gives power to the tired *Quien da poder al cansado* **And revives the exhausted**. **Y revive al exhausto**.

As for us En cuanto a nosotros We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

No podemos evitar hablar de lo que hemos visto y oído.

John 2:1-5 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine." Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet." His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you.

Mark 9:2-9 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good that we're here. Let's make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He said this because he didn't know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming

down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

Matthew 7:24-27 "Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed."

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!

OUR MISSION:

We are an inclusive, diverse, Christ-centered church, in which you have the freedom to be who you are, participate in community, explore spiritual transformation, and be part of social action.

OUR VISION: 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

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord, And we offer up to You The sacrifices of thanksgiving, And we offer up to You The sacrifices of joy.

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Victory In Jesus

V1: I heard an old old story, How a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary, To save a soul like me. I heard about His groaning, Of His precious life's atoning, Then I repented of my sins And won the victory

C: O victory in Jesus My Savior forever. He sought me and bought me With His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him And all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory Beneath the cleansing flood.

V2: I heard about His healing, Of His cleansing pow'r revealing, How He made the lame to walk again And caused the blind to see, And then I cried dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit, And somehow Jesus came and brought To me the victory (C)

WELCOME

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE, SONG, & PRAYER

Words of Scripture John 2:1-5

Musical Meditation *I Need You* Ken Johnson, soloist

Words of Scripture Mark 9:2-9 Matthew 7:24-27

Choral Response:

Listening V1: More than just another song, More than one more melody, Maybe what we need is silence, Maybe what we need is to be still, And listen for the still small voice, 'Cause we don't want to miss a whisper, Jesus now we lean in closer and we wait.

C: Speak Lord Your servants are listening, Your servants are listening. Speak Lord Your servants are listening, Your servants are listening.

V2: Lord I want to know Your heart; Lord I want to know what moves You, To understand what makes You weep, To understand what makes You sing and smile. This will be my life's one quest, To seek the One whose love has sought me, Gazing on Your shining beauty all my days.

Praying Together

Choral Response:

Lord Listen to Your Children C: Lord listen to Your children praying, Lord send Your Spirit in this place, Lord listen to Your children praying, Send us love send us pow'r send us grace.

OFFERTORY

You Can't Beat God Giving You can't beat God giving, No matter how you try, And just as sure as you are living And the Lord is in heaven on high. The more you give The more He gives to you; Just keep on giving Because it's really true that. You can't beat God giving No matter how you try.

Congregational Response: **Doxology**

MORNING MESSAGE

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditation: Taste and See

R: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord. V1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (R)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

Blessed Quietness

V1: Joys are flowing like a river, Since the Comforter has come. He abides with us forever, Makes the trusting heart His home. C: Blessed quietness holy quietness What assurance in my soul. On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me How the billows cease to roll.

V2: Bringing life and health and gladness, All around this heav'nly Guest. Banished unbelief and sadness; Changed our weariness to rest (C)

BENEDICTION

Choral Response:

I'll Be Somewhere Listening V1: When he calls me I will answer, When he calls me I will answer, When he calls me I will answer; I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name. I'll be somewhere list'ning, I'll be somewhere list'ning, I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name. Oh, I'll be somewhere list'ning, I'll be somewhere list'ning, I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name.

V2: With a glad heart I will answer...

V3: When he calls you, will you answer? When he calls you, will you answer? When he calls you, will you answer? Somewhere list'ning, list'ning for your name. You'll be somewhere list'ning, You'll be somewhere list'ning, You'll be somewhere list'ning for your name. You'll be somewhere list'ning, You'll be somewhere list'ning, You'll be somewhere list'ning for your name.