

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Byrd

"When Your Git Up'n Go Done Got Up'n Went"

*Connecting & Reconnecting
With That Which Stirs Our Souls?*

GATHERING CALL

1 Cor. 3:16 Deut. 33:27
Rom. 5:5 2 Tim. 1:6-7 Col. 3:16

Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

The eternal God is our dwelling place, and we are being held underneath by everlasting arms.

El Dios eterno es nuestra morada, y los brazos eternos nos sostienen debajo.

Hope does not put us to shame...

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que nos ha sido dado.

Let us remind each other to stir up the gifts within us which God has given to each of us...

For God has not given us a spirit of fear

Porque Dios no nos ha dado un espíritu de temor...

But of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Sino de poder, de amor y de una mente sana.

Let the message of Christ dwell among us richly...

As we teach and encourage one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in our hearts.

Mientras nos enseñamos y nos animamos unos a otros con toda sabiduría mediante salmos, himnos y cánticos del Espíritu, cantando a Dios con gratitud en nuestro corazón.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (adapted)

May God our Creator and of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of compassion – of all mercies and consolation – the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, be present with us so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Luke 8:1-3

Soon afterward, Jesus traveled through the cities and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom. The Twelve were with him, along with some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses. Among them were Mary Magdalene (from whom seven demons had been thrown out), Joanna (the wife of Herod's servant Chuza), Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

John 2:13-22

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written *Passion for your house consumes me*. Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up." The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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!

NLMCC Song Sheet

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OPENING CELEBRATION

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

V1: What a fellowship what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. What a blessedness what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms

C: Leaning, Leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms, Leaning, Leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms

V2: O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms. O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. (C)

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

We Have Come Into His House

V1: We have come into His house, And gathered in His name To worship Him (REPEAT). We have come into His house, And gathered in His name To worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him Christ the Lord.

V2: So forget about yourself, And concentrate on Him And worship Him (REPEAT). So forget about yourself, And concentrate on Him, And worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him Christ the Lord.

V3: Let us lift up holy hands, And magnify His name And worship Him (REPEAT). Let us lift up holy hands, And magnify His name And worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him Christ the Lord.

WELCOME

A TIME FOR PRAYER & REMEMBERING...

The 9,900+ precious lives lost in the Commonwealth of VA to COVID-19 In our prayers... in our hearts...

Musical Meditation

Beautiful Things - By Lisa Gungor

All this pain...

I wonder if I'll ever find my way...

I wonder if my life could really change at all... All this earth... Could all that is lost ever be found... Could a garden come up from this ground at all

Chorus:

You make beautiful things... You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around... Hope is springing up from this old ground... Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new, You are making me new... You make me new, You are making me new

LIFTING OUR VOICES in Scripture, Songs & Prayers

Words of Scripture

Luke 8:1-3

Choral Response:

One Day At A Time

V1: I'm only human I'm just a woman; Help me believe in what I could be And all that I am. Show me the stairway I have to climb; Lord for my sake teach me to take One day at a time.

C: One day at a time sweet Jesus, That's all I'm asking from You. Just give me the strength to do ev'ry day What I have to do. Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus, And tomorrow may never be mine. Lord help me today show me the way One day at a time.

V2: Do You remember when You walked among men? Well Jesus You know if You're looking below That it's worse now than then. People pushin' and shovin' crowding my mind, So for my sake Lord teach me to take One day at a time. (C)

Words of Scripture

John 2:13-22

Praying Together

Choral Response:

As the Deer

V1: As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee

C: You alone are my strength my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.

V2: You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, So much more than anything (C)

OFFERTORY

Revive Us Again

V1: We praise Thee O God For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died And is now gone above.

C: Hallelujah Thine the glory, Hallelujah amen. Hallelujah Thine the glory Revive us again.

V2: Revive us again Fill each heart with Thy love, May each soul be rekindled With fire from above. (C)

Congregational Response:

Doxology

MORNING MESSAGE

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditations:

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.

It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.

Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.

May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

— written by Shari Miller Wagner,
in *Celebrating the Season* worship
resources.

Change My Heart

Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, may I be like You. You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

I'll Be Somewhere Listening

V1: When He calls me I will answer.
(3 Times) 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? (3 Times) 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.

BENEDICTION

Choral Response:

If It Had Not Been For The Lord

C: If it had not been, For the Lord on my side Tell me where would I be, Where would I be

V1: He kept my enemies away, He let the sun shine through a cloudy day. He rocked me in the cradle of His arms When He knew I'd been battered and scarred (C)

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