NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

10:45 a.m.

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent

MORNING WORSHIP Rev. Mark Byrd "HEALING & SERVICE"

Trying to Make Sense of the Miracles & Mysteries of Faith & Life

GATHERING CALL Ps. 139:8-10 Isa. 41:10 Ps. 145:1-2

If I went up to heaven, you would be there. Si subiera al cielo, estarías allí.

If I went down to the grave, you would be there too! ¡Si bajara a la tumba, tú también estarías allí!

If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—

Si pudiera volar con las alas del amanecer, deteniéndome para descansar solo en el otro lado del océano ...

Even there your hand would guide me; Incluso allí tu mano me guiaría;

Even there your strong hand would hold me tight! ¡Incluso allí tu mano fuerte me abrazaría fuerte!

Don't fear, because I am with you; Don't be afraid, for I am your God. No temas, porque yo estoy contigo; No temas, porque yo soy tu Dios.

I will strengthen you and surely help you; Te fortaleceré y ciertamente te ayudaré;

I will hold you with my righteous strong hand. Te sostendré con mi mano justa y fuerte.

Lord ,we will lift you up high Señor, te elevaremos alto

We will praise your name forever. Alabaremos tu nombre por siempre.

John 3:14-21

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that God's only Son was given, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the

name of God's only Son. This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than light, for their actions are evil. All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. God our Creator will honor whoever serves me. Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Oh my God and Creator, save me from this time?' No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Oh God, as heavenly parent, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him." Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

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, 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 Standing On The Promises

V1: Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let His praises ring, Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

C: Standing standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior. Standing standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

V: Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises, I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us

C: You came from heaven to earth, To show the way. From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky, Lord I lift Your name on high

WELCOME

A TIME FOR LIFTING WOMEN UP

Psalm 10 Acts 2:17-18

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)

LIFTING OUR VOICES

in Scripture, Songs & Prayers

Words of Scripture *John 3:14-21* Choral Response:

Pass Me Not. O Gentle Savior

V1: Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. R: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry, While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

V2: Let me at thy throne of mercy, Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief. V3: Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace(R)

Words of Scripture *John 12:2-33* Choral Response:

Farther Along

V1: Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder, Why it should be thus all the day long, While there are others living about us, Never molested tho in the wrong

C: Farther along we'll know all about it. Farther along we'll understand why. Cheer up, don't worry, live in the sunshine. We'll understand it all by and by

V2: When death has come and taken our loved ones. It leaves our home so lonely and drear, Then do we wonder why others prosper, Living so wicked year after year.

Praying Together

Choral Response:

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

V1: What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer V2: Have we trials and temptations, Is there trouble anywhere. We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share. Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

OFFERTORY

It Is Well With My Soul

V1: When peace like a river,
Attendeth my way. When sorrows like
sea billows roll. Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, It is well with my soul.
C: It is well with my soul, It is well. It
is well with my soul
V2: Tho' evil should buffet, Tho' trials
should come, Let this blest assurance
control, That Christ hath regarded,
My helpless estate, And hath shed
His own life For my soul.

Congregational Response: **Doxology**

MORNING MESSAGE

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditations: *Healer*

You hold my every moment. You calm my raging seas. You walk with me through fire, And heal all my disease.

PC: I trust in You; I trust in You. C: I believe You're my healer. I believe You are all I need. I believe You're my portion. I believe You're more than enough for me; Jesus You're all I need.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

I've Gotta 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 gonna be alright...
V3: Jesus made a way and ev'rything's gonna be alright...

BENEDICTION

Choral Response:

By and By

V1: We are often tossed and driv'n On the restless sea of time. Somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine. In that land of perfect day, When the mists have rolled away, We will understand it better by and by.
R: By and by when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home, We will tell the story how we've overcome; For we'll understand it better by and by.
V2: We are often destitute Of the things that life demands. Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands. We are trusting in the Lord, And according to God's Word, We will understand it better by and by. (R)

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