NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP**

July 12, 2020 Rev. Mark Byrd

Spiritual Distancing

GATHERING CALL

See here!

Isaiah 32:1-8

See & hear: A king rules to promote righteousness;

rulers govern to promote justice,

Vea aquí: Ver y escuchar

Un rey gobierna para promover la rectitud; los gobernantes gobiernan para promover la justicia,

Each like a shelter from the wind and a refuge

from a storm, Cada uno como un refugio del viento y un refugio de una tormenta,

Like streams of water in a wasteland...like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

Como corrientes de agua en un páramo, como la sombra de una gran roca en una tierra cansada.

Exodus 20:18-21

All the people were seeing the thundering and the lightning, and heard the sound of the horn, and saw the mountain smoking—and when the people saw it they trembled with fear and kept their distance. They said to Moses, "You speak to us and we will listen, but do not let God speak with us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you so that you do not sin." The people kept their distance, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

James 4:5-8

Or do you suppose that scripture is meaningless? Doesn't God long for our faithfulness in the life God has given to us? But God gives us more grace. This is why it says, God stands against the proud, but favors the humble. Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. Come near to God, and God will come near to you...

Jeremiah 23:23

The Lord declares, Am I a God who is only nearby and not far off? Can people hide themselves in secret places so I might not see them? Don't I fill heaven and earth?

Psalm 139

Lord, you have examined me. You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways. There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. You surround me-front and back. You put your hand on me. That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there too! If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean— even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight! If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me," even then the darkness isn't too dark for you! Nighttime would shine bright as day, because darkness is the same as light to you! You are the one who created my innermost parts...

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 **PERSONAS REGULAR** Somos... 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 TODA

NLMCC Song Sheet

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OPENING CELEBRATION We Bring the Sacrifice Of Praise

C: 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:

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land R: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; My Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

V1: No one can do like Jesus, Not a mumbling word He said; He went walking down to Lazarus' grave, And He raised him from the dead. [R]

V2: When Jesus was on earth, The flesh was very weak; He girdled Himself with a tow'l, And washed His disciples feet. [R]

WELCOME

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE & SONG

Exodus 20-18-21 James 4:5-8 Jeremiah 23:23-24 Psalm 139

Where Do I Go

C: Where do I go when I need a shelter, Where do I go when I need a friend, Where do I go when I need some helping, Where do I go, Back on my knees again

V1: Ask me this question, I'll tell you no lies, How did I get this fire in my life, All is not certain but I will get by, Listen I'll tell you why.

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER Choral Response:

Give Me a Clean Heart

C: Give me a clean heart, So I may serve Thee, Lord fix my heart, So that I may be used by Thee; For I'm not worthy, Of all these blessings, Give me a clean heart, And I'll follow Thee

V1: I'm not asking, For the riches of the land; I'm not asking, For high men to know my name; Please give me Lord a clean heart, so that I may follow Thee, Give me a clean heart a clean heart, And I'll follow Thee [C]

OFFERTORY

God Was There All the Time V1: Time after time I was searching for peace in some void; I was trying to blame all my ills on this world I was in; Surface relationships used me till I was done in; But all the while someone was begging to free me from sin

C: God was there all the time; God was there all the time; Waiting patiently in line; God was there all the time

V2: Never again will I search for a fake rainbows end; Now that I've found the answer my life is just starting to rhyme; Sharing each new day with God is a breath of fresh life; Oh what I've missed God's been waiting right here all the time. [C]

Congregational Response: Doxology

MORNING MESSAGE

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!

Communion Meditation:

Come to the Table of Grace V1: Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

V2: Come to the table of love...

V3: Come to the table of hope...

V4: Come to the table of joy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

Mah God Is So High

R: Mah God is so high, yuh can't get over Him; He's so low, yuh can't git under Him; He's so wide, yuh can't get aroun' Him; Yuh mus' come in by an through de Lam'. He's so high, yuh can't get over Him; He's so low, yuh can't git under Him; He's so wide, yuh can't get aroun' Him; Yuh mus' come in by an through de Lam'.

V1: One day as I was a-walkin' along de Gospel road, Mah Savior spoke unto me an' He fill mah heart wid His love. [R]

BENEDICTION

Choral Response:

Gentle Shepherd come and lead us, For we need you to help us find our way, Gentle Shepherd come and feed us, For we need your strength from day to day

There's no other we can turn to, Who can help us face another day, Gentle Shepherd come and lead us, For we need to you to help us find our way