

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

August 2, 2020
Rev. Mark Byrd

**"Finding Faith in the middle of
Fear, Famine, Fools & the Fate of life"**

GATHERING CALL

Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of God's great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

It is by grace you have been saved.

Es por gracia que han sido salvados

And God raises us up with Christ... in order that in the coming ages God might show the incomparable riches of God's grace, expressed in God's love and kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith

Porque es por gracia que has sido salvado, a través de la fe

And this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Porque somos obra de Dios, creada en Cristo Jesús para hacer buenas obras, que Dios preparó de antemano para que nosotros hicéramos.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of *things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...*

Hebrews 11:ff (The Message)

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd...

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Matthew 25:1-13

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell

asleep. At midnight, the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "No," they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you I don't know you.' you.' "Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

James 2:14-24

What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

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 TODA*

NLMCC Song Sheet

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OPENING CELEBRATION

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me,
Me, anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.

V2: I'm gonna love so God can use me, anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna love so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.

V3: Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down. Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down.

V4: Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down.

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Love Divine, All Love Excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

V2: Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, Into ev'ry troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

WELCOME

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Choral Response: **Amazing Grace!**
how sweet the sound That saved a soul like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

V2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

V3: When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing

God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE & SONG

Hebrews 11:1
1 Corinthians 13:13

The Gift of Love

V1: Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

V2: Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be giv'n by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

V3: Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev'ry deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

OFFERTORY

We've Come This Far by Faith

R: We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord, Trusting in God's holy Word, God's never failed us --yet. Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

V1: Don't be discouraged when trouble comes into your life; He will bear your burdens And remove all our misery and strife, And that's why [R]

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:

Trust in You

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet, Every moment of my wandering, Never changes what You see, I try to win this war, I confess, my hands are weary and I need Your rest, Mighty warrior, king of the fight, No matter what I face You're by my side.

C: When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move, When You don't part the waters, I wish I could walk through, When You don't give the answers, As I cry out to You, I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You, Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings, There's not a day ahead You have not seen, So in all things be my life and breath, I want what You want Lord and nothing less [C 2xs]

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired, I've come too far from where I started from. Nobody told me that the road would be easy, I don't believe He brought me this far to leave me.

BENEDICTION

Choral Response:

When We All Get to Heaven

V1: Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and his grace; in the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

R: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory.