NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

10:45 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP August 9, 2020 Rev. Mark Byrd

"Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda"
Living A Life of No Regrets?
&
Hope For Those of Us Who Do
(have regrets)

GATHERING CALL

Eph. 2:4 Ps. 90 (selected verses)

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. Debido al gran amor de Dios por nosotros, Dios, que es rico en misericordia, nos hizo vivir con Cristo aun cuando estábamos muertos en transgresiones.

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet some of our days are filled with trouble and sorrow; they are soon gone.

Make us glad for as many days we have suffered afflictions, for as many years as we have seen trouble. Haznos felices por tantos días que hemos sufrido aflicciones, durante tantos años como hemos visto problemas.

Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Enséñanos a numerar nuestros días para que podamos tener un corazón de sabiduría.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands. Sí, establece el trabajo de nuestras manos.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, **that we** may sing for joy and be glad all our days - para que podamos cantar de alegría y alegrarnos todos nuestros días.

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 90:1-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us: establish the work of our hands for us yes, establish the work of our hands.

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live —not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God our Creator for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

NLMCC Song Sheet

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OPENING CELEBRATION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

V1: I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus. With no regret, with no regret

V2: The world behind me the cross before me...

V3: Though none go with me still I will follow...

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Bless that Wonderful Name

V1: Bless that wonderful name of Jesus. Bless that wonderful name of Jesus. Bless that wonderful name of Jesus, no other name I know.

V2: There's power in the name of Jesus. Power in the name of Jesus. Power in the name of Jesus, no other name I know.

V3: There's healing in the name of Jesus. Healing in the name of Jesus. Healing in the name of Jesus, no other name I know.

V4: No regret in the name of Jesus. No regret in the name of Jesus. No rearet in the name of Jesus, no other name I know

WELCOME

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Choral Response:

Lord Listen to Your Children Praving

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

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN **SCRIPTURE & SONG**

James 4:13-17 Philippians 3:14-17 Ephesians 5:15-20

Yes. God Is Real

V1: There are some things I may not know ~ There are some places I can't go ~ But I am sure of this one thing That God is real ~ For I can feel Him deep within

C: Yes God is real real in my soul ~ Yes God is real for He has washed ~ And made me whole ~ His love for me is like pure gold ~ Yes God is real ~ For I can feel Him in my soul

V2: I cannot tell just how you felt ~ When Jesus took your sins away ~ But since that day yes since that hour ~ God has been real ~ For I can feel His holy power [C]

OFFERTORY

You Can't Beat God Giving

You can't beat God's 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 give to you, but keep on giving because it's really true that you can't beat God's giving, no matter how you try.]

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: When At This Table

V1: When at this table I receive a

blessing The broken bread the wine of life for me Then let me share the peace with you my neighbor And let the Spirit set our spirits free

V2: If at this table I have need of healing Unbidden grief relationship gone wrong Then let me know that hands of God enfolding And let lament become believing song

V3: What faith I have I bring to join this table What hope I hold in Christ is taught and true With brothers sisters I will share the blessing The feast where God is making all things new

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG On Time God

He's an on time God, yes He is. ~ Oh, an on time God, yes He is. ~ Job said, "He may not come when you want Him, ~ But He'll be there right on time." ~ I tell you, He's an on time God, yes He is.

You can ask the children of Israel, ~ Trapped at the Red Sea, ~ By that mean old Pharoah and his army, ~ They had water all around them, ~ And Pharoah at their tracks, ~ From outta no where, God stepped in ~ And made a highway just like that, Let me tell you

You can ask the five thousand hungry souls He fed ~ On the banks of the river with two fish and five loaves of bread ~ What a miracle He performed for the multitude ~ What He did way back then He'll do today for me and you, I tell you

He's on time, He's on time, He's on time, oh yes ~ Look at Job, how he waited on the Lord so long ~ He's on time, He's on time, He's on time, oh yes ~ He's on time, He's on lime, He's on time, oh yes

He's an on time God ~ He's an on time God, yes, yes He is.

BENEDICTION