

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

October 11, 2020

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Mark Byrd**

*Late Summer & Early Fall Worship Theme:*

**A Healing that Leads to Deliverance &  
Wholeness**

*Today's Focus:*

**"Healing Through Connection, Purpose,  
& Doing"**

**GATHERING CALL**

Romans 12:5 Ephesians 2:10  
Proverbs 20:5 Romans 8:28

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, **and individually we are members one of another.**

También nosotros, siendo muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo en Cristo, y cada miembro está unido a todos los demás.

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 hechura de Dios, creados en Cristo Jesús para buenas obras, las cuales Dios dispuso de antemano a fin de que las pongamos en práctica.

The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, **but one who has insight draws them out.**

Los propósitos del corazón de una persona son aguas profundas, pero el que tiene perspicacia los saca.

And we know that **in all things God works for the good of those who love God, those who have been called according to God's purpose.**

Ahora bien, sabemos que Dios dispone todas las cosas para el bien de quienes lo aman, los que han sido llamados de acuerdo con su propósito.

*Psalms 146:1-2, 5-6, 10*

**1 Corinthians 12:12-27, 31**

**For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the

whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**Matthew 26:36-46**

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed. "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

**Luke 10:30-37**

Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other

side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii<sup>1</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

#### **Luke 17:11-19**

Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem. He went from Galilee to Samaria. He came into a small town, and ten men met him there. They did not come close to him, because they all had leprosy. But the men shouted, "Jesus! Master! Please help us!" When Jesus saw the men, he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." While the ten men were going to the priests, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he went back to Jesus. He praised God loudly. He bowed down at Jesus' feet and thanked him. (He was a Samaritan). Jesus said, "Ten men were healed; where are the other nine? This man is not even one of our people. Is he the only one who came back to give praise to God?" Then Jesus said to the man, "Stand up! You can go. You were healed because you believed." (*And your faith has made you more whole.*)

#### **A Prayer As We Begin the Capital Campaign:**

Creator God, in your love for us you have blessed us abundantly. We glorify you and give you thanks for all the gifts you have given us:

Our faith...Our lives...Our loved ones

And especially for the wisdom and love of our founding members whose example of sacrifice in time, talent and treasure, continues to bless us.

Most of all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ whose sacrifice on the cross is made present to us through Christ's presence in each of us.

We also thank you for the opportunity to purchase our church home and for making that purchase possible by supplying our every need, according to Your riches. You have blessed us with both the gifts and finance necessary to reach our goal.

Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us, give us hearts of humility and gratitude. Help us to live as disciples modeling our lives after Christ's own pattern of self-giving love.

We humbly ask you to send your Spirit upon our community during this crucial time as we embark upon this campaign to build upon the foundation laid by those who came before us in faith.

We offer our prayers, joys, works, and treasures to you and we unite them to the love and grace of Christ. Let the beauty of you our God be upon us and establish The work of our hands for us. May our work manifest our gratitude and glorify you Oh, God forever and ever. Amen.

#### **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***

#### **MCC STATEMENT OF FAITH**

##### **Preamble**

Metropolitan Community Churches is one chapter in the story of the Church, the Body of Christ. We are people on a journey, learning to live into our spirituality, while affirming our bodies, our genders, our sexualities. We don't all believe exactly the same things. And yet in the midst of our diversity, we build community, grounded in God's radically inclusive love for all people. We are part of an ongoing conversation on matters of belief and faith, shaped by scripture and the historic creeds, building on those who have come before us. Our chapter begins when God says to us: "Come, taste, and see."

##### **Our Faith**

"Come, taste, and see." Jesus Christ, You invite all people to Your open table. You make us Your people, a beloved community. You restore the joy of our relationship with God, even in the midst of loneliness, despair, and degradation. We are each unique and we all belong, a priesthood of all believers. Baptized and filled with Your Holy Spirit, You empower us to be Your healing presence in a hurting world.

We expect to see Your reign on earth as it is in heaven as we work toward a world where everyone has enough, wars cease, and all creation lives in harmony. We affirm Your charge to all of humanity to care for the land, sea, and air. Therefore, we will actively resist systems and structures which are destroying Your creation.

With all of creation we worship You—every tribe, every language, every people, every nation. We know You by many names, Triune God, beyond comprehension, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, who invites us to the feast. Amen.

## **NLMCC Song Sheet**

Sunday, October 11, 2020

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### **OPENING CELEBRATION**

***I'm Gonna Live***

***So God Can Use Me***

V1: I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.

V2: I'm gonna work so God can use me....

V3: I'm gonna pray so God can use me....

V4: I'm gonna love so God can use me....

### **GATHERING CALL**

*Choral Response:*

***Love Divine, All Love Excelling***

V1: Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heaven 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 every trembling heart

V2: Finish then Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in Thee: Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in Heaven we take our place, 'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

### **WELCOME**

#### **CELEBRATING WHO WE ARE**

*Lighting the Candles of the Extended Rainbow*

#### **PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Choral Response:*

***I Am the God that Healeth Thee***

V1: I am the God that healeth thee; I am the Lord your Healer, I sent My Word and healed your disease, I am the Lord your Healer

V2: You are the God that healeth me; You are the Lord my Healer, You sent

Your Word and healed my disease; You are the Lord my Healer

### **LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE & SONG**

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, 31

Choral Response: ***The Jesus in Me***

V1: The Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you, The Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you, so easy, so easy, so easy to love.

V2: El Jesus en mi alma el Jesus en ti, El Jesus en mi alma el Jesus en ti, tan facil, tan facil, tan facil, tan facil amor.

V3: The goodness in me....

V4: The Spirit in me....

### **OFFERTORY**

***Center Of My Joy***

Jesus You're the center of my joy; All that's good and perfect comes from You. You're the heart of my contentment; Hope for all I do; Jesus You're the center of my joy.

*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:*

***We Are the Body of Christ***

One heart one spirit, One voice to praise You, We are the body of Christ  
One goal one vision, To see You exalted, We are the body of Christ

And to this we give our lives

To see You glorified

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - unison

### **CLOSING SONG**

***We Believe in Prayer***

V1: I believe in prayer, I believe in prayer, moved by the power of God. I believe in prayer, I believe in prayer, moved by the power of God.

V2: We believe in prayer....

B: Moved, moved, moved by His Spirit (3 Times). We believe in prayer, we believe in prayer, moved by the power of God.

### **BENEDICTION**

***I've Got that Joy, Joy, Joy***

V1: I've got that joy, joy, joy; down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart. I've got that joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

V2: I've got gay pride, pride, pride; down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart. I've got gay pride, pride, pride, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

V3: Let us celebrate our heritage, down in our hearts, down in our hearts, down in our hearts. Let us celebrate our heritage down in our hearts, down in our hearts to stay.