

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

October 18, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP**Rev. Mark Byrd***Fall Worship Theme::***ACTING ON FAITH***Our Guest Speaker Today is Rev. Dr. Tom Melzoni*

GATHERING CALL Hebrews 11:1 Romans. 10:17
James 1:22

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

La fe es la certeza de lo que se espera, la convicción de lo que no se ve.

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of the living Spirit of Christ.

La fe viene de oír y oír mediante la palabra del Espíritu viviente de Cristo.

But let us be doers of the word, and not hearers only, because in only hearing we deceive ourselves.

Pero seamos hacedores de la palabra, y no solo oidores, porque con solo oír nos engañamos a nosotros mismos.

John 6:1-14

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After

the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

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!****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**

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer(s) 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.

In addition, the Prayer Team offers these three daily prayers for our New Life Capital Campaign. Please feel free to use these and your own prayers as you feel led, as the Spirit guides and empowers us toward reaching our goal of raising the necessary funds together to purchase the church building at 1000 Sunset Drive, Norfolk, VA.

Morning Prayer:

God of Abraham and Sarah, hear our voice as the faint light of morning grows on the horizon. We recall the journey of our faith ancestors who changed their lives in response to Your call. As this day unfolds before me, keep my ears open to Your call for this church as we move forward with this capital campaign in response to Your holy "nudge." We lay our request before you and wait expectantly. Amen.

Afternoon Prayer:

This afternoon, O God, I stop in the middle of a busy day to reflect on the manifestations of Your Spirit in the life of this church and in my own life. Remind me each and every moment that every gift I have comes from You. Please give me a willing heart to use them well and use them for You. Thank you for blessing my efforts. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

As we end our day together, O God, I thank You for today and the opportunities I have had to bring my congregation and its capital needs into the Light of Your presence. Although the light of day has now faded from sight, let me rest assured that Your Light shines forever. May the bricks and frame of our church building serve as a beacon of that Light to all who still search for it. Thank you for blessing our efforts on behalf of them. Amen.

NLMCC Song Sheet

Sunday, October 18, 2020

CCLI Music/Streaming License:

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OPENING CELEBRATION

V1. **Jesus is on the Mainline**; tell Him what you want. Jesus is on that mainline; tell Him what you want. Jesus is on that mainline; tell Him what you want. Call Him up and tell Him what you want.

V2. If you need a little more faith...

V3. If you're sick and want to get well...

V4. If you're feeling down and out...

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed, Will move mountains move mountains, Faith as small as a mustard seed, Will move mountains by the power of God

B: Believe what Jesus said was true, Believe He meant it just for you, Wait and see what God will do, As you pray as you pray

WELCOME

C: **We Will Work Together**, serve together; Building on the blessings of the lord; We will sow together, reap together; Trusting all that Jesus has in store.

We can trust him faithfully; Because God is on our side; By my faith I am set free; I'll conquer mountains, hills, or tides; Cuz we will...(C)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Choral Response:

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.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE & SONG**John 6:1-14**

Choral Response:

Oh, What He's Done for Me. (3xs), I never shall forget what He's done for me.

V2: He took my feet out the miry clay, That's what He's done for me...

V3: He picked me up and gave me pride, That's what He's done for me...

V4: He took five loaves and fed five thousand, That's what He's done for me...

V5: He took two fish and fed five thousand, That's what He's done for me... (V1)

OFFERTORY

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

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Proclamation of our faith:

All: Christ has died.**Christ is risen.****Christ shall come again.****Hallelujah!**

Communion Meditation:

Hymn of Promise

V1: In the bulb, there is a flower, In the seed, an apple tree, In cocoons, a hidden promise, Butterflies will soon be free, In the cold and snow of winter, There's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see
V2: There's a song in every silence, Seeking word and melody, There's a dawn in every darkness, Bringing hope to you and me, From the past will come the future, What it holds, a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see
V3: In our end is our beginning, In our time, infinity, In our doubt, there is believing, In our life, eternity, In our death, a resurrection, At the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see

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THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison**CLOSING SONG****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 never failed me yet. Oh' can't turn around, We've come this far by faith (Repeat)

V1: Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life. God will bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.

BENEDICTION

When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus

When I think of the goodness of Jesus, and all that He's done for me, my soul cries out hallelujah. Thank God for saving me!