

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

October 25, 2020

1977 – 2020
Celebrating 43 Years
of MCC Presence & Ministry
in Hampton Roads

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Byrd

Fall Worship Theme

ACTING ON FAITH

Today's Focus

A Little Thank You Goes A Long Way

GATHERING CALL

Psalm 122:1; 127:1; Proverbs 23:3-4; Psalm 5:7

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Me alegré cuando me dijeron

"¡Vayamos a la casa del Señor!"

Unless the LORD builds the house, **the builders labor in vain.** *Si el SEÑOR no edifica la casa, en vano se esfuerzan los albañiles.*

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding **it is established;** through knowledge **its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.** Con sabiduría se construye la casa; con inteligencia se echan los cimientos. Con buen juicio se llenan sus cuartos de bellos y extraordinarios tesoros.

By your great love, **I can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.** Por tu gran amor puedo entrar en tu casa; puedo postrarme reverente, hacia tu santo templo.

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Galatians 6:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. (Dear Friends, May we always Seek to do good!)

1 Thessalonians 5:11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. (Amen!)

1 Thessalonians 3:9 For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 This genuine act of service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers with deep affection for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for this gift which words cannot describe!

Romans 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

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!**

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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 25, 2020

CCLI Music/Streaming License:

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OPENING CELEBRATION

I Was Glad

V1: I was glad when they said unto me (3 Times)

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

V2: There is love in the house of the Lord...

V3: There's deliverance in the house of the Lord...

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

We Have Come into His House

V1: We have come into His house, And gathered in His name To worship Him. (REPEAT) We have come into His house And gathered in His name To worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

V2: Let's forget about ourselves, And magnify His name And worship Him. (REPEAT) Let's forget about ourselves And magnify His name And worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE EXTENDED RAINBOW

This Church*

V1: This church is going to stand up, this church is going to speak up, this church is never going to shut up, this church, yes, this church.

V2: This church is never going to let up, this church is never going to give up, this church is never going to give out, this church, yes, this church.

V3: This church is never going to wear out, this church is never going to burn out, this church is going to win out, this church, yes, this church.

B: And reach out, to everyone who has been left out. Amen.

*[*Based on an excerpt from a sermon by Rev. Elder Freda Smith, MCC pioneer and 1st woman ordained in UFMCC]*

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE, SONG, & PRAYER

We Will Work Together

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: Thank You Lord

V1: Thank You Lord (3 Xs), I just want to thank you Lord!

V2: Been so good...

V3: Praise Your Name...

V4: (Individual Praise)...

V5: Together in pride...

2 Corinthians 9:12-15

Choral Response: I Love the Lord

I love the Lord, He heard my cry, And pitied every groan, Long as I live, And troubles rise, I'll hasten to His throne.

OFFERTORY

Revelation Song

V1: Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He; Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat [X2]

C: Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty; Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing; Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything; And I will adore You

V2: Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder; Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King [C]

V3: Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name; Jesus Your name is power breath and living water; Such a marvelous mystery yeah [C]

Congregational Response:

Doxology

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Communion Meditation:

Change My Heart

Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, may I be like You. You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

Give Thanks

V: Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son

C: And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us, And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us

BENEDICTION

Lord, I Want to Go

V1: Lord, I want to go, show me the way. (3 Times) Take me by the hand and lead me on.

V2: I am willing Lord...