

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

November 1, 2020  
All Saints Day

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*

**Gratitude That Leads Us Forward**

**GATHERING CALL**

Exodus 14:15 Philippians 3:12-14 2 Corinthians 4:15  
The LORD said to Moses, **“Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.**  
*El SEÑOR le dijo a Moisés: “¿Por qué llamas a mí? Dile al pueblo de Israel que siga adelante.*

Not that we have already obtained this or that we are already perfect, **but we press on to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has made us his own...**  
*pero seguimos adelante para hacerlo nuestro, porque Cristo Jesús nos ha hecho suyos...*

**We press on forward toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

*Seguimos adelante hacia la meta por el premio del supremo llamado de Dios en Cristo Jesús.*

All this is for your benefit, **so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.**

*Todo esto es por el bien de ustedes, para que la gracia que está alcanzando a más y más personas haga abundar la acción de gracias para la gloria de Dios.*

**Revelation 7:9-14**

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice: “Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God saying “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen.” Then one of the elders said to me, “Who are these people, and where did they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you know. Then, he said to me, “These people have come out of great hardship.

**Matthew 25:14-28**

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey. After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried the money entrusted to him. Now after a long time the man returned and settled accounts with his servants. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, “You gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.” The man replied, “Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.” The second servant also came forward and said, “You gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.” To which the man replied, “Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.” Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, “Sir, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So, I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.” To this servant, the man replied, “You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could have at least given me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins.”

**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!**

## **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, November 1, 2020

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### **OPENING CELEBRATION**

#### ***I Thank You, Jesus***

V1: I Thank You, Jesus. I thank You, Jesus. I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord; Oh, You've brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way, a mighty long way. I Thank You, Jesus. I thank You, Jesus. I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord; Oh, You've brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way, a mighty long way.

V2: You've been my mother, You've been my father, You've been my sister, my brother too; Oh, You've brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way, a mighty long way. You've been my doctor, You've been my lawyer, You've been my teacher, my friend indeed; oh, You've brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way, a mighty long way.

### **GATHERING CALL**

*Choral Response: Praise Him*

Praise Him praise Him, Praise Him praise Him. Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised (repeat)

From the rising of the sun, Until the going down of the same, He's worthy, Jesus is worthy, He's worthy to be praised.

Glory! Glory! All things give God glory. Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

God is our rock, hope of salvation. A strong deliverer, in Him will I always trust.

### **WELCOME**

#### **A MOMENT TO REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE SAINTS BEFORE US**

*Revelation 7:9-14*

#### **A PRAYER FOR THE WORK AT HAND**

*Choral Response:*

#### ***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 JOINT PRAYERS TOGETHER**

*Choral Response:*

#### ***The Reconciliation Song***

V1: Oh let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace, And let us be a holy nation, where pride and prejudice shall cease. Let us speak the truth in love to the lost and least of these. Let us serve the Lord in unity, so others will believe. Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

V2: Oh let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace, And let us build on one foundation 'Til He comes and the wars of men shall cease. Let us share the love of Jesus without hypocrisy. Let mercy and forgiveness begin with you and me. Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

B: Have we not one Creator? Have we not one faith? Have we not one calling to become one holy race? Oh let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

V3: And let us pray for restoration and seek the Lord together on our knees. Let us keep our hearts from evil and cling to what is good. Let us honor one another and love our neighborhood. Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

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

Psalm 51:10-12

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.*

*Choral Response: Take Me Back*

C: Take me back, Take me back dear Lord, To the place where I first received You. Take me back, Take

me back dear Lord, Where I first believed.

V: I feel that I'm so far from You Lord, But still I hear You calling me. Those simple things that I once knew, Their memories are drawing me. I must confess Lord I've been blessed, But my soul is not satisfied. Renew my faith restore my joy; Dry my weeping eye.

B: I tried so hard to make it all alone. I need Your help just to make it home.

### **OFFERTORY**

#### ***There Is Something About That Name***

*soloist - Ken Johnson*

*Congregational Response: Doxology*

### **MORNING MESSAGE**

*Matthew 25:14-28*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Communion Meditation: Amen*

V1: Behold Jehovah seated on the throne. Abba Father the Well that overflows. The God who was and is and shall be forevermore – Holy is the Lord

C: Amen amen, Blessing and honor and glory and power Amen. Amen amen, Blessing and honor and glory and power Amen.

V2: Behold the Way the Truth and the Life. Perfect Savior the Blood that washed us bright. The God who was and is and shall be forevermore – Holy is the Lord

B: Holiness has a name and it's Jesus. Victory has a name and it's Jesus. The Word has a name and it's Jesus. Redemption has a name and it's Jesus. (REPEAT)

E: Amen Amen, Amen Amen Amen Amen, Amen Amen

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison**

### **CLOSING SONG**

#### ***When the Saints Go Marching In***

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call  
Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call  
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun refuse to shine,  
And when the sun refuse to shine,  
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh when they crown Him Lord of all,  
Oh when they crown Him Lord of all,  
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number  
When they crown Him Lord of all.

## **BENEDICTION**

### ***Thank You Jesus***

V1. Thank You, thank You, thank  
You, **Thank You Jesus**. Thank You,  
thank You, thank You, **Thank You  
Jesus**. Thank You, thank You, thank  
You, **Thank You Jesus**. **I just want  
to thank You, Lord!**

V2. You gave me the Holy Ghost  
(and I say), **Thank You Jesus...**

V3. And You saved my soul (and I  
say), **Thank You Jesus...**

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### *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 TODO**