

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

November 8, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Byrd

Fall Worship Theme

ACTING ON FAITH

Today's Focus

While Waiting in Uncertainty

GATHERING CALL

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. *Mi ayuda proviene del SEÑOR, creador del cielo y de la tierra.*

The Lord will not let your foot slip—The Lord who watches over you will not slumber;

Indeed, the one who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Jamás duerme ni se adormece el que cuida de Israel.*

The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; *El SEÑOR es quien te cuida, el SEÑOR es tu sombra a tu mano derecha*

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. *De día el sol no te hará daño, ni la luna de noche.*

The LORD will keep you from all harm—

The Lord will watch over your life; *El SEÑOR te protegerá; de todo mal protegerá tu vida.*

The LORD will watch over your coming and going out...

Both now and forevermore.

El SEÑOR cuidará tu salida y tu entrada...

Desde ahora y para siempre.

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!

Matthew 25:1-13 At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out." "No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves." But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!" But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you." Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

James 1:2-4 Consider it a gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

Psalm 139:7-15 Where could I go to escape from your Spirit or from your sight? If I were to climb up to the highest heavens, you would be there. If I were to dig down to the world of the dead you would also be there. Suppose I had wings like the dawning day and flew across the ocean. Even then your powerful arm would guide and protect me. Or suppose I said, "I'll hide in the dark until night comes to cover me over." But you see in the dark because daylight and dark are all the same to you. You are the one who created my inner most parts... and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt. Nothing about me is hidden from you!

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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**

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer(s) to guide us during 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 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 8, 2020

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OPENING CELEBRATION

What a Might God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve, What a mighty god we serve. Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him, What a mighty God we serve.

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response: **Acting On Faith**

B: Acting on faith, acting faith. Faith in action, Acting on faith. Acting on faith, acting faith. Faith in action, Acting on faith.

Acting on faith, here's the deal; Acting on faith, it will be revealed. Acting on faith, to do His will; Acting on faith, to trust in Him still.

Acting on faith, will keep you alive; Acting on faith, is a soul survived. Acting on faith, to trust and obey; Acting on faith, God has made the way.

Acting on faith, when you feel alone. Acting on faith, remember God's on the throne. Acting on faith, for the campaign. Acting on faith, church let's do this "thang." [B]

WELCOME

God Bless America: A Tribute to our Veterans

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home

God bless America, and those who served. We are thankful, for their service, Active Duty and the Reserve. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force – our heroes shown. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America my home sweet home.

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 139:7-15

Choral Response: **10,000 Reasons**

C: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, Worship His holy name, Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

V1: The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again, Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes [C]

V2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind, For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [C]

V3: And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore [C]

T: Worship Your holy name, Lord I'll worship Your holy name

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

V1: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Creator, There is no shadow of turning with Thee, Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

C: Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning, New mercies I see, All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

V2: Summer and winter, And springtime and harvest, Sun moon and stars, In their courses above, Join with all nature, In manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy and love [C]

V3: Pardon for sin, And a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide, Strength for today, And bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, With ten thousand beside [C]

Congregational Response:
Doxology

MORNING MESSAGE

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditation:
I Will Come to You

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear,
You will hear My voice,
I claim you as My choice,
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see, In
the shadows of the night, I will be
your light, Come and rest in Me

C: Do not be afraid, I am with you, I
have called you each by name, Come
and follow Me, I will bring you home, I
love you and you are mine, I am the
Word that leads all to freedom, I am
the peace the world cannot give, I will
call your name, embracing all your
pain, Stand up, now, walk, and live
[C]

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

Trading My Sorrows

C: I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading
my shame, I'm laying them down, For
the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading
my pain, I'm laying them down, For
the joy of the Lord

Vamp: Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes
Lord, Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes
Lord, Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
amen

Verse: I am pressed but not crushed,
Persecuted not abandoned, Struck
down but not destroyed, I am blessed
beyond the curse, For His promise
will endure, That His joy's gonna be
my strength, Though the sorrow may
last for the night, His joy comes with
the morning

BENEDICTION

choral response:

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

V1: Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I lay
my burdens down, Glory, glory,
hallelujah, since I lay my burdens
down.

V2: I feel like shouting hallelujah...