

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

November 15, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Whalen

Fall Worship Theme

ACTING ON FAITH

Today's Focus

**A Priesthood of Believers,
Called to Ministry & Service**

GATHERING CALL

One: Come, let us sing for joy to God.

All: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol her with music and song.

All: Our God is the great God, the great God above all gods.

One: In God's hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to God. The sea is God's and it is God whose hands formed the dry land.

All: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before our Maker; we are God's people under God's care.

Exodus 19:3a, 5-6a

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying..."if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation."

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9, 10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14: 9-14

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Creator Parent. How can you say, 'Show us the Creator? Do you not believe that I am in the Creator and the Creator is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Creator Parent who dwells in me does the works. Believe me that I am in the Creator and the Creator is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these.

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 15, 2020

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OPENING CELEBRATION

What a Mighty 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.

I command you Satan in the name of the Lord to take up your weapons and flee. For the Lord has given me authority to walk all over thee.

GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

V1: Time is filled with swift transition. Naught of earth unmoved can stand. Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

R: Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand. Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand. Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

V2: Trust in Him who will not leave you. Whatsoever years may bring. If by earthly friends forsaken, Still more closely to Him cling. [R]

V3: Covet not this world's vain riches That so rapidly decay. Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures. They will never pass away. [R]

WELCOME

In Times Like These

V1: In times like these you need a Savior, In times like these you need an anchor, Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

C1: This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only One. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

V2: In times like these you need the Bible. In times like these, O be not idle. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! [C1]

V3: In times like these I have a Savior. In times like these I have an anchor. I'm very sure, I'm very sure My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

C2: This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only One. I'm very sure, I'm very sure, My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

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: ***Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace***

V1: Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.

V2: Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

V3: Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek To be consoled, but to console, Nor look to understanding hearts, But look for hearts to understand.

V4: May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly, For in our giving we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SCRIPTURE & SONG

Choral Response: ***Eagle's Wings***

V: Here I am waiting, Abide in me I pray. Here I am longing for You. Hide me in Your love; Bring me to my knees. May I know Jesus more and more.

C: Come live in me; All my life take over. Come breathe in me, And I will rise On eagle's wings.

OFFERTORY

We've Come This Far By Faith

C: We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord. Trusting in His holy Word, He's never failed us yet. Oh we can't turn around, We've come this far by faith.

V1: Don't be discouraged, With trouble in your life. He'll bear your burdens, And move all discord and strife (That's why we've) [C]

V2: Just the other day I heard someone say, He didn't believe in God's word; But I can truly say that God had made a way, And He's never failed me yet. (That's why we've) [C]

Congregational Response:
Doxology

MORNING MESSAGE

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditation:
Trust in You

V1: Letting go of every single dream,
I lay each one down at Your feet.
Every moment of my wandering,
Never changes what You see. I try to
win this war; I confess, my hands are
weary and I need Your rest. Mighty
warrior, king of the fight, No matter
what I face You're by my side.

C: When You don't move the
mountains, I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters, I
wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You

V2: Truth is, You know what
tomorrow brings; There's not a day
ahead You have not seen. So in all
things be my life and breath; I want
what You want Lord and nothing less
[C 2Xs]

THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

CLOSING SONG

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]

BENEDICTION

Walking Up the King's Highway

R: It's a highway to heaven. None
can walk up there, But the pure in
heart. It's a highway to heaven. I am
walking up the king's highway.

V1: My way gets brighter; My load
gets lighter. Walking up the King's
highway. There's joy in knowing with
Him I'm going. Walking up the King's
highway. [R]

V2: Don't have to worry, don't have to
hurry. Walking up the King's highway.
Christ walks beside me; angels to
guide me. Walking up the King's
highway. [R]

V3: If you're not walking, Start while
I'm talking. Walking up the King's
highway. There'll be a blessing you'll
be possessing. Walking up the King's
highway. [R]

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**