

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

May 2, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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**"Plantin', Prunin', and Growin' Fruit"**

**GATHERING CALL**

**Psalm 16:5-11**

You, Lord, are all we have, and you give us all we need;  
**Our future is in your hands.**  
*Nuestro futuro está en tus manos.*

How wonderful are your gifts to us;  
**How good they are! ¡Qué buenos son!**

**We praise You Lord Te alabamos Señor,**  
Because You guide us, and in the night You warn us in our  
conscience. We are always aware of the Lord's presence;  
**The Lord is near, and nothing can shake us.**  
*El Señor está cerca y nada puede sacudirnos.*

**We are so thankful, glad, and secure,**  
*Estamos tan agradecidos, contentos y seguros,*  
Because You, O Lord, protect us from the power of death.

As we serve You in faith,  
**you will not abandon us... no nos abandonarás ...**

**You will show us the path that leads to life;**  
*Nos mostrarás el camino que lleva a la vida*

**Your presence fills us with joy Tu presencia nos llena  
de alegría**

With You beside of us we find **a happiness forever.**  
Nosotras encontramos *una felicidad para siempre.*

**John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and My God and our Creator is  
the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear  
fruit, is taken away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, God  
prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already  
clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.  
Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot  
bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither  
*can* you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are  
the branches; whomever remains in Me, and I in them  
bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If  
anyone does not remain in Me, that person is thrown away  
like a branch and dries up; and they gather them and

throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you  
remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever  
you wish, and it will be done for you. God our Creator is  
glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to  
be My disciples.

**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 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**

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.**

## **NLMCC Song Sheet**

Sunday, May 2, 2021

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### **OPENING CELEBRATION**

#### ***Oh, Happy Day***

Oh, happy day, oh, happy day, when  
Jesus washed, when Jesus washed,  
when Jesus washed, oh, happy day,  
oh, happy day.

He taught me how to watch, fight, and  
pray, fight, and pray, and live  
rejoicing ev'ry day, ev'ry day.

### **GATHERING CALL**

Choral Response:

#### ***You Are My All In All***

V1: You are my strength When I am  
weak; You are the treasure That I  
seek; You are my all in all. Seeking  
You as a precious jewel; Lord to give  
up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

C: Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your  
name. Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is  
Your name.

V2: Taking my sin My cross my  
shame; Rising again I bless Your  
name. You are my all in all. When I  
fall down You pick me up; When I am  
dry You fill my cup. You are my all in  
all.

### **WELCOME**

### **LIFTING OUR VOICES**

in Scripture, Song & Prayer

#### **Words of Scripture John 15:1-8**

Choral Response:

#### ***I Am the Vine***

V1: I am the vine, and you are the  
branches, Bear precious fruit for  
Jesus to-day; The branch that in me  
no fruit ever beareth, Jesus hath said,  
"He taketh away."

R: "I am the vine, and you are the  
branches, I am the vine, be faithful  
and true; Ask what you will, your  
prayer shall be granted; The Father  
loved me, so I have loved thee."

V2: Now you are clean, thro' words  
I have spoken, Abiding in me, much  
fruit you shall bear; "Dwelling in thee,  
my promise unbroken, Glory in  
heaven with me you shall share." (R)

### **Eastertide Call to Prayer & Action Scripture**

Choral Response:

#### ***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. This Church!  
[Based on an excerpt from a sermon  
by Rev. Elder Freda Smith]

### **Our Joint Prayers Today**

Choral Response:

#### ***Remain In Me***

V: I am the Vine You are the  
branches, Remain in Me. I am the  
Vine You are the branches, Stay here  
with Me.

C: Remain in Me, Remain in Me.  
'Cause apart from Me You can do  
nothing, Remain in Me.

### **OFFERTORY**

#### ***You Can't Beat God's Giving***

C: You can't beat God's giving, no  
matter how you try. For just as sure  
as you are living, And The Lord is in  
Heaven on high. The more you give,  
the more He'll give to you, But keep  
on giving because it's really true. You  
can't beat God's giving, no matter  
how you try.

Congregational Response:

#### ***Doxology***

### **MORNING MESSAGE**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Meditation:

#### ***Jesus Name Above All Names***

V1: Jesus name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel God is with us, Blessed  
Redeemer living Word.

V2: Jesus loving Shepherd, Vine of  
the branches Son of God, Prince of  
Peace Wonderful Counselor, Lord of  
the universe Light of the world.

V3: Praise him Lord above all lords,  
King above all kings God's only Son,  
The Prince of Peace who by his  
Spirit, Comes to live in us Master and  
Friend.

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

### **CLOSING SONG**

#### ***Friend Of God***

V: Who am I that You are mindful of  
me, That You hear me when I call. Is  
it true that You are thinking of me  
How You love me it's amazing (It's  
amazing it's amazing)

C: I am a friend of God I am a friend  
of God I am a friend of God He calls  
me friend

B: God Almighty Lord of Glory You  
have called me friend.

### **BENEDICTION**

Choral Response:

#### ***Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus***

V1: Can't nobody do me like Jesus,  
Can't nobody do me like the Lord.  
Can't nobody do me like Jesus, He's  
my friend.

V2: Healed my body, told me to run  
on...

V3: Picked me up and turned me  
around...