

Myers Park United Methodist Church



A Service of Christian Worship

October 4, 2015

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Introit

He's Got the Whole World

arr. Margaret Bonds

† Call to Worship

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

Korean: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

All: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Spanish: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

All: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

French: All who are lost will find safety here.

All: All who are lost will find safety here.

Italian: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

All: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

German: All who are broken will find healing here.

All: All who are broken will find healing here.

Polish: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

All: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome!

All: Let us worship God!

† **Processional Hymn No. 568**

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

† **The Creed No. 885**

A Modern Affirmation

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

† **Gloria Patri No. 71**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our being.**

**We have done things we should not have done,
and we have left undone things we should have done.**

**We have built walls between neighbors and between countries,
and we have ignored the cries of those in need.**

**Forgive us and set us free,
that we may live into the hope of your calling,**

that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 2-16

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Prayers of the People

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offering

Give Me Jesus (8:30)

arr. Moses Hogan

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (9:45, 11:00)

Harold W. Friedell

Text can be found on page 632 in the hymnal.

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Dedication

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

† Hymn No. 408

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

† The Great Thanksgiving

† The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Prayer of Saint Francis

Allen Pote

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn No. 97

For the Fruits of This Creation

Alternate Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

† Closing Voluntary

Fugue in C Major, BWV 564/iii

J. S. Bach

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Minister of Missions (9:45)

Rev. Ellen Robison, Minister of Worship and the Arts (11:00)

Rev. Bill Roth, Minister of Congregational Care

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LAY READERS

John Clarkson (8:30), Chuck Wright (9:45), Lindsey Jones (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Dongho Lee, Music Associate and Organist

Teresa Moore-Mitchell, soprano (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Everette Oxrider (8:30), Jillian Padgett (9:45), Baxter Dulin (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Blair Tilley and Hayden Plyler (8:30)

Mariel Padgett and Evan Thompson (9:45)

Bennett Wilks and Caroline Peterson (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Anne Gray Oxrider (8:30), Claire Grimes (9:45), Reid Weikel (11:00)

TODAY AT MYERS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...

WELCOME! We are thankful you are here, worshipping with us this morning, on World Communion Sunday. If you're just getting to know us, we are a community that welcomes people from all walks of life. Check out the *Guest Information* bookcases in the narthex gathering space outside the Sanctuary or drop by the Welcome Center in the lobby of the Parish Life Building for resources so you can get to know us better.

DISCOVER MYERS PARK Want to learn more about our church family and how to get involved? *Discover Myers Park* includes two classes where we share about the life of our church. *Discover Myers Park* meets at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, October 11 and 18, in Francis Chapel just off the lobby of the Parish Life Building. You don't need to sign up in advance, just come and join us. Reach Rev. Parker Haynes at parker@mpumc.org to learn more.

WELCOME, CHILDREN Bright blue bags with fun activities for your children are at the Sanctuary entrances. Please return them after worship.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS Those who are gluten intolerant can receive a gluten-free wafer during Holy Communion at the communion rail on the pulpit side. Those interested should indicate their desire to receive this optional wafer to the Communion server when kneeling at the rail.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Jessica Nomina and Andrew Haley*, and in memory of *James Jay Nomina*, father of the bride.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL NARTHEX are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Paula Whitaker Calhoun* by her children, *Paula Ruffin, Harriet Stephens and John Calhoun*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Wes Bobbitt* by his family.

HELP STOP HUNGER TODAY

Join us today in the church basement to pack meals for *Stop Hunger Now*. Walk-ins are welcome, please arrive on time for instructions. There will be two shifts, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 1:30 p.m. Join us as we work as a faith family to end global hunger.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY Sign up for the *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* course set for 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Sundays from today through November 15. Child care is offered for fifth-graders and younger. Learn more and register at www.mpumc.org/smallgroups.

MEETING TODAY ON PILGRIMAGE Young Adults are invited to join a pilgrimage in April 2016 to Los Angeles, San Diego and Tijuana (Mexico) to explore social justice issues, including gangs and sex trafficking and how we can help confront these issues in Charlotte and elsewhere. A meeting to plan the pilgrimage is at 4:30 p.m. today in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. Details: Director of Young Adults Ryan Blalock at 704-851-1115 or rblalock@mpumc.org.

HEALING SERVICE TODAY You are invited to a healing service at 6:00 p.m. today in Francis Chapel. Dr. Howell and Dr. Melanie Dobson will lead the quiet worship service, which will include Scripture and prayer. Anointing with oil, an ancient practice of the church, will be offered. Child care is available for ages five and under.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH Students in Grades 6-12 gather from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Life Building basement for dinner, music, fellowship and more. Dinner is \$5. Bring a friend. Questions? Reach Director of Youth Ministries Lauren Stines at lauren@mpumc.org.

CHURCH APP The Myers Park United Methodist Church mobile app is available for download. You'll find the latest sermons from Dr. Howell and our pastoral staff, live streaming worship services and other resources to help you stay connected online and in real life. To download, search for Myers Park Methodist in the App Store for iPhone/iPad, Google Play for Android or the Window Phone Marketplace.

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA Connect with Myers Park United Methodist Church throughout the week by joining our new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myersparkumc and following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/myersparkumc and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/myersparkumc. Miss a sermon or want to share a Sunday message you especially enjoyed? Subscribe to our Podcast, Myers Park UMC Sermons, available for free on iTunes. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/MyersParkMethodist.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

H.O.T. WEDNESDAY H.O.T. Wednesday offers a weekly meal and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Jubilee Hall. This week's menu: Turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, salad, rolls, desserts and ice cream. Weekly menus are at www.mpumc.org. Make reservations at HotWednesday@mpumc.org or call 704-376-5520 and press 6 by noon each Tuesday. Adults are \$7, children up to age 12 are \$5 with the purchase of an adult meal, and PBJ's are free with the purchase of an adult meal. The Goodness Gracious! gift shop in the Parish Life lobby is open until around 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays when H.O.T. Wednesday is in session. Story time for children is at 6:15 p.m., gather outside Jubilee Hall.

LEARN CPR/AED Want to learn CPR and AED? A class is 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, in Room 109 of the Parish Life Building. Cost is \$30. Reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

FLU, PNEUMONIA SHOTS You can get a flu or pneumonia shot from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, October 19, and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. You don't need a reservation, walk-ins are welcome. Cost/details: Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

MEDICARE D COUNSELING Do you need to review your Medicare D policy? You can do so in the Church Library (Room 111 in the Parish Life Building) on October 20, 22, 27 and 29; November 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, 18 and 24; and December 1, 2 and 3. Appointments will be from 9:00 to noon or 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. depending on the day. To make an appointment, reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org. Bring a list of medication and dosages.

ADULTS PLUS! Join our Adults Plus! group for ages 55 and over at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, in Room 103 of the Parish Life Building for a valuable program on hospitalization and rehab. A panel representing senior home health, physical therapy and Novant Health will share information and answer questions. A \$5 lunch (chicken breast and fixings) follows at noon in Jubilee Hall. To make a lunch reservation before noon October 20, call 704-376-8584 (option 2) or e-mail cmull@mpumc.org.

GROWING IN FAITH...

BE A HELPING HAND Children's Ministries welcomes adults to work with children from birth through fifth grade, nurturing development in faith formation, service and fellowship. Volunteers are welcome to participate in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and other offerings, experiencing the joy of helping raise God's children. To learn more, reach Kristen Surratt at 704-295-4805 or kristen@mpumc.org.

SIGN UP FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT Registration is open for the 10th annual Women's Retreat February 5-7 at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. Dr. Melanie Dobson will be the speaker, and the theme is *Beautifully Made In God's Image*. Cost is \$185. Learn more and sign up at www.mpumc.org/women. You can also learn more this morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the table in the Parish Life lobby.

EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY You are invited to join the Napa Bible study at 7:00 a.m. Wednesdays at Napa on Providence at 110 Perrin Place across the street from our church. The group has grown to nearly 20 each week. Details: Ryan Blalock at RyanB@mpumc.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS Children in Grades K-5 are invited to participate in the Children's Choir, with rehearsals Wednesdays from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. Students in Grades 6-12 can sing in the Youth Choir, which will rehearse Sundays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Choir Room. Register on the Music Ministries page at www.mpumc.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY A new Young Adults Men's Bible Study meets Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. sharp in Room 103 of the Parish Life Building. The group reads one chapter each week. There is no work outside of the class. Details: Ryan Blalock at 704-851-1115 or rblalock@mpumc.org.

EXPLORE BOOK OF ACTS THURSDAY Duke Divinity School Professor Emeritus James "Mickey" Efird will lead a lively program on the Book of Acts at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, in Jubilee Hall. He will concentrate on how Luke's account of Paul and his journeys is supported by what Paul says in some of his letters. Dr. Efird is a dynamic speaker, come and hear for yourself!

LEARN ABOUT RACE IN CHARLOTTE Noted Charlotte historian Dr. Tom Hanchett will lead a program on the history of race in Charlotte, and what we face today, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, in Jubilee Hall. Look to the latest *Cornerstone* church newsletter to learn about the growing focus at our church on racial reconciliation.

MISSION U A new series of small-group studies, *Mission U*, begins on Thursday, October 15, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The topic of the first six-week class is *The Church And People With Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility And Advocacy*. Each class, sponsored by United Methodist Women, is open to men and women of all ages. To learn more and sign up, visit www.mpumc.org/smallgroups.

THE WILL OF GOD Join us for a fascinating program at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 26, in Jubilee Hall as Dr. Howell explores *The Will Of God* – as our Senior Pastor shares, "Why bad things happen, how we make sense of injustice if God is just, how we know what God is asking us to do."

SERVING OTHERS...

FOR THE LOVE OF READING Want to read to a second-grader at Sedgefield Elementary School Tuesday or Wednesday of each week from 1:00 to 1:50 p.m.? *For The Love Of Reading* ministry welcomes participants. Reach Grey Brownlow at grey.brownlow@gmail.com to learn more about sharing a love of reading with a child.

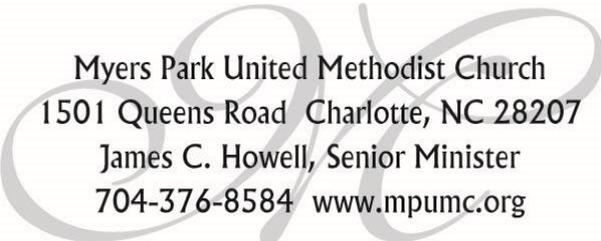
DONATE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES Help support our partner school, Sedgefield Middle, by donating classroom supplies through October 25 in the bin in the Parish Life lobby: Packages of color pencils, regular No. 2 pencils and wide-rule, loose leaf notebook paper. Also needed are \$10 Target and Walmart gift cards. Those can be dropped off at the missions office beside the Goodness Gracious! gift shop in the Parish Life Building.

HABITAT BUILD Join us as we help finish the five-bedroom Habitat for Humanity house with the Kamwanga family and our friends from Myers Park Presbyterian. Work days are October 10, 16 and 17. No experience is necessary. If you are unable to join a building crew, you can provide snacks and lunch for workers. Check out all the opportunities, and sign up, at www.mpumc.org/serve. For questions, reach lay leader June Rhyne at junerhyne@yahoo.com.

GIVE BLOOD OCTOBER 11 You can give blood from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, October 11, in the Youth Building Gym. Appointments are suggested. Those wanting to schedule a specific time can do so from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. this morning in the Parish Life lobby.

LOAVES & FISHES We'll launch a new ministry at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 14 – stocking shelves and taking inventory of donations at the Loaves & Fishes food pantry at 648 B Griffith Road. We'll serve the second Wednesday of each month. To get involved, reach lay leader Laura Weller at 704-918-8242 or lauraoweller@yahoo.com.

MISSION: COSTA RICA Mark your spring break calendar for the next mission trips to San Isidro, Costa Rica, to work construction and build relationships – March 19-26, and March 26 to April 2, 2016. Look for details soon.



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Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.