

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



Greek icon, *Lord Save Me*

## A Service of Christian Worship

October 11, 2015

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

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### Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER

#### Welcome

*Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.*

#### Passing of the Peace

#### Chiming of the Holy Trinity

#### Opening Voluntary

Steadfast Assurance

Jason W. Krug

#### † Call to Worship

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

**all you sons of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him!**

From thee comes my praise in the great congregation;

**my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

**and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

From Psalm 22

† **Processional Hymn No. 577**  
God of Grace and God of Glory

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† **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**

**Gracious and Loving God,  
we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present,  
and boundless in love.**  
**Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in our daily life.**  
**Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts,  
and we hide our true feelings.**  
**Sometimes fear makes us small,  
and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.**  
**Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness,  
and we fail to share the Good News.**  
**Holy God, remind us again of your holy presence  
hovering near us and in us.**  
**Free us from shame and self-doubt.**  
**Help us to live honestly, to act courageously, and to serve faithfully.**  
**In Jesus' name 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.**

## Anthem

Meditation on "Lord, I want to be a Christian"

Sandra Eithun

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:45, 11:00)

### Congregational Response (9:45, 11:00)

These Treasured Children

**These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow:  
With love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus' name.  
Then tender God, each child embrace;  
God give them blessings, grant them grace.  
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,  
and gently guide them to your will.**

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

### Hymn of Preparation No. 405

Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God

SEEK YE

### Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

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

I Believe (8:30)

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Peace (9:45)

Thomas Knight

For the Beauty of the Earth (11:00)

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

† **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 GO OUT TO SERVE

† **Closing Hymn No. 365**

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

† **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**

“Scherzoso” from *Sonata No. 8, Op. 132*

Josef Rheinberger

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† 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  
Dr. Melanie Dobson, Minister of Faith Formation

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### **LAY READERS**

Dow Bauknight (8:30), Aimee Williams (9:45), Tom Eubanks (11:00)

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### **MUSICIANS**

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist  
Dongho Lee, Music Associate and Organist

Adult Handbell Choir

Nancy Hamff, flute

Youth Choir (8:30)

Junior Choir (9:45)

Chamber Singers (9:45, 11:00)

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### **CRUCIFERS**

Catie Holshouser (8:30), Louisa Cacchione (9:45), Andrew Maxwell (11:00)

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### **ACOLYTES**

Sarah Holshouser and Anna Underwood (8:30)

Katie Hall and Wray Farlow (9:45)

Caroline Boulware and Lila Barenberg (11:00)

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### **BIBLE CARRIERS**

Dean Lowery (8:30), Ivey Mattscheck (9:45), Andrew O'Brien (11:00)

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## ***TODAY AT MYERS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...***

**WELCOME!** We are thankful you are here, worshiping with us this morning. 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. And new guests are invited to pick up a complimentary drink tumbler at the front desk, in the Sanctuary narthex and by the Jubilee Hall doors.

**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. this morning and Sunday, October 18, in Francis Chapel 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](mailto: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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Dylan Tyler and Ryan Patrick Connell*, children of *A-T and Matt Connell*. Being Baptized at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Evelyn Palmer and Thomas McCarter Edge*, children of *Katherine and Cameron Edge*; *Benjamin Clyde Percy*, son of *Jenna and Ryan Percy*; and *Christopher Hayes Wall*, son of *Erin and Chris Wall*.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sandra Eubanks* by her family, *Tom, Clinton and Jane, Ashley and Jamie, Sally and Pete, Meg, and grandchildren Thomas, Porter, Ellie, Kate, Molly, Banks and Annie*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL NARTHEX** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Jennifer Elizabeth Paternostro and Parker Evans Moore* on October 10 at our church.

**HOLY COMMUNION THIS MORNING** Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the memorial chapel behind the Sanctuary except when it is given in worship services.

**GIVE BLOOD THIS MORNING** You can give the life-saving gift of blood from 7:30 a.m. to noon this morning in the Youth Building Gym.

**HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN COLUMBIA** We continue to collect canned goods, hygiene items, diapers, bottled water, hygiene items, diapers, heavy-duty gloves, baby food, heavy-duty trash bags and all-purpose surgical masks for our neighbors in Columbia, S.C., affected by the recent floods. Donations are welcome in the lobby of the Parish Life Building. As the goods come in, we are getting it to Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia as fast as we can. Financial donations are also welcome to help specific families with whom we are connecting through personal contacts we have on the ground there. You can give online at [www.mpumc.org](http://www.mpumc.org). Designate your gift for *Flood Relief*. Or you can write a check to the church, with *Flood Relief* in the memo line, and put it in the Sunday offering plate, drop it off at the front desk in the lobby of the Parish Life Building or mail it to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/myersparkumc) and following us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/myersparkumc](http://www.twitter.com/myersparkumc) and on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/myersparkumc](http://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](http://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: Slow roasted beef, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, rolls, salad, desserts and ice cream. Weekly menus are at [www.mpumc.org](http://www.mpumc.org). Make reservations at [HotWednesday@mpumc.org](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cmull@mpumc.org).

**PHANTOM OF THE ORGAN!** The annual Halloween extravaganza is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 28, in the Sanctuary, after H.O.T. Wednesday. As the scary folks in Music Ministries explain: “The animal kingdom takes over our Sanctuary for fun and laughter. Children and adults of all ages are invited to dress in their favorite costumes to sing along and listen to spooky organ music. Our Junior Choir will join us for the first time.”

## **GROWING IN FAITH...**

**SIGN UP FOR WOMEN’S RETREAT** Registration is open for the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mpumc.org/women).

**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](mailto:RyanB@mpumc.org).

### **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.

**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](mailto:rblalock@mpumc.org).

**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](http://www.mpumc.org/smallgroups).

**YOUTH CHOIR** Our new Director of Children’s and Youth Music, Brian Childers, will begin rehearsals with our Youth Choir at 5:00 p.m. Sunday October 18, in the Youth Choir Room. All youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome to sing. If you are interested in singing in the Christmas concerts, joins us no later than Sunday, October 25.

**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.”

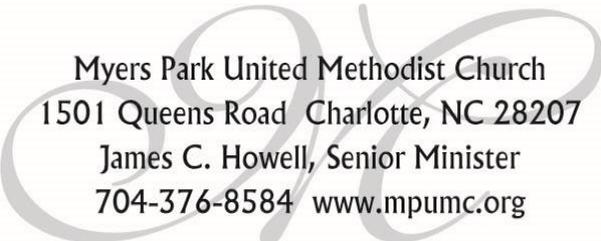
## SERVING OTHERS...

**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 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](http://www.mpumc.org/serve). For questions, reach lay leader June Rhyne at [junerhyne@yahoo.com](mailto:junerhyne@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto: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.*