

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



*Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech in Washington, D.C.*

**A Service of Christian Worship**

**July 10, 2016**

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

**Eighth 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**  
Prelude on THAXTED

arr. Charles Callahan

† **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 48

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's holy name!**

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

† **Opening Hymn**

Let Streams of Living Justice

THAXTED

Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

3  
give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

7  
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

11  
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

15  
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way - the path un - tried;

19  
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ples hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth - the heart of strang - er; your life - the Cru - ci - fied.

† **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**

**Holy God,  
we are an imperfect people who need your love.  
Forgive us when we ignore your children  
who cry out in distress.  
Forgive us when we choose not to see those  
who frighten us, or those who bother us,  
or those who remind us too much of ourselves.  
Forgive us when we put rules ahead of people,  
and choose legality over kindness,  
and judgment that lacks mercy.  
Enable us to see as you see, and love as you love.  
In your son's holy 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.**

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-17

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.**

### Offertory

The One

Craig Courtney

On the swiftest wings of morning,  
from the highest King of Heaven,  
comes a holy invitation to a feast.  
Interceding for His children,  
at the right hand of the Father, He invites us all,  
the most unto the least.

The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come."  
The One who bore your shame, God's only Son,  
has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above;  
a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

Gather now around God's table,  
feel the splendor of the Savior,  
as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine.  
Then in grateful adoration  
of His blood and body given,  
praise the One who offers us the feast divine.

† **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 TABLE**

† **Hymn No. 618 (Stanza 1)**

**Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

† **The Great Thanksgiving**

† **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

**Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion**

**Communion Music**

**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. 98**

To God Be The Glory

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† **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**

Variations on “To God Be The Glory”

Kenneth Varner

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† Stand as you are able

## WORSHIP LEADERS



### PREACHER

Rev. Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister



### LITURGISTS

Palmer Cantler, Duke Divinity Intern

Rev. Bill Roth, Minister of Congregational Care



### LAY READERS

Suzette Sells (8:30), De Cordell (9:45), John Snyder (11:00)



### MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organ

Robert Moody, conductor

Small Vocal Ensemble (8:30, 9:45)

Summer Choir (11:00)

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

**WELCOME!** We are thankful you are here, worshiping with us. If you're just getting to know us, we are a community that welcomes people from all walks of life. Any staff member, usher or church member is glad to answer questions, or share directions. 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. New guests are invited to pick up a complimentary drink tumbler at the front desk, in the Sanctuary narthex and by the Jubilee Hall door.

**DISCOVER MYERS PARK** Want to learn more about our church family and how to get involved? Our *Discover Myers Park* class shares about the life of the church. The next *Discover Myers Park* meets at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 14, in the lobby of Parish Life Building for coffee, fellowship and conversation. 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.

**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 *Virginia Miller and Blake Self* on Saturday at the church, and in loving memory of *Mr. Robert Edgar Bruce III, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fletcher Segur and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blakely Self*.

**WANT TO PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS?** If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Peg Broughton at [peg@mpumc.org](mailto:peg@mpumc.org). Available date: July 17, August 28 and September 18.

**SUMMER CLASS FOCUS: HEAVY HEARTS** All adults are invited to a summer elective Sunday School class continuing through July 24 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. Partnering with Stephen Ministers, the class

is discussing the book, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering*.

**YOUNG ADULTS NEWS** During July, the Agape Sunday School class is hosting Rev. Parker Haynes and Duke Divinity School summer intern Palmer Cantler to talk about Methodism. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in Room 262 upstairs in the Youth Building. This month's conversation will consider the history of The United Methodist Church, grace theology, sexuality and the church's future. More for young adults: A book study at 7:00 p.m. Sunday today through August 7 in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building will focus on *Shiny Gods – finding freedom from things that distract us* by Mike Slaughter. Books will be available at the class this evening at no charge. The Holy Rollers kickball team plays Tuesday evenings from July 12 to August 23 at Revolution Park, a great way to enjoy fellowship, fun and exercise. To join the team, reach Rob Dellibovi at [rdellibovi@gmail.com](mailto:rdellibovi@gmail.com). Take in a Charlotte Knights baseball game at 7:05 p.m. Friday, July 29, uptown. For more on that gathering and all young adult activities: Interim Director of Young Adults Jessica Stevens at 706-267-7026 or [jessica@mpumc.org](mailto:jessica@mpumc.org).

**REMINDER ABOUT GIVING** Your generosity helps us serve as Christ's hands and feet. We're further behind than usual, with income through May trailing last year by 11 percent. Contribute at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org), place in the offering plate or mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

**DOWNLOAD OUR 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 Apple App Store, Google Play Store or Windows Marketplace.

**CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA** Miss a sermon? Want to share a Sunday message? Watch videos, listen to podcasts, share and connect on social media – 24/7 – plus find exclusive content and photos. Connect at [www.facebook.com/myersparkumc](http://www.facebook.com/myersparkumc), follow 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). 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).

**THE SUNDAY SHUTTLE** The popular Sunday shuttle bus service runs continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between the church and Myers Park Traditional at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue, so you don't have to hunt for a parking space.

## ***WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...***

### **JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Jurisdictional Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church is July 13-15 at Lake Junaluska. This will be the time when it will be determined if Dr. Howell is elected a Bishop in The United Methodist Church. Five Bishops will be elected from a field of 13 endorsed nominees. The decision will be made by 376 delegates. Rules require 60 percent of the vote to be elected. Five Bishops are retiring, leaving vacancies in Kentucky (Louisville), South Georgia (Macon), North Georgia (Atlanta), Virginia (Richmond) and Western North Carolina (Charlotte). If elected, it would be highly unusual for Dr. Howell to be assigned to his home Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference begins with worship at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and is due to end with the consecration of new bishops around noon on Friday. You can follow the conference, and watch the proceedings via livestream, at [www.sejumc.org](http://www.sejumc.org). Our church will share news of Dr. Howell's candidacy as soon as it is known, by e-blast and at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org).

**HANDBELLS 101** Want to learn to play handbells? *Intro To Handbells* classes open to all adults are Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 229 in the Snyder Building: July 12 (Damping And Weaving), August 9 (4-In-Hand And Shelley Ringing) and August 30 (Mallet Madness And Techniques A-Z). Details: Director of Music for Children and Youth Brian Childers at 704-295-4806 or [brian@mpumc.org](mailto:brian@mpumc.org).

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL JULY 17** Join us for an ice cream social from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17, on the church playground, Come and enjoy fellowship and a cool summer treat, hosted by Children's Ministries and open to all ages. Bring a friend and neighbor. It's canceled in bad weather.

**YOGA WITH MELANIE** Dr. Melanie Dobson, a registered yoga teacher since 2006, will offer *Yoga With Melanie* from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursdays starting July 28 in Room 031 downstairs in the Snyder Building. The class is open to all levels of practitioners, from beginner on up. Each class will use the Scripture text from that Sunday's sermon as its theme. Melanie has taught yoga in a variety of settings, including churches, retreats and a cancer care recovery house. To sign up for the free class or learn more, visit [www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups](http://www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups).

**YOUTH SUMMER SHENANIGANS** Students in rising Grades 7-12 should look out for fun stuff coming in Youth Ministries, including an all-day mystery trip July 28. Learn more at [www.mpumcyouth.org](http://www.mpumcyouth.org).

**GUYS, WANT TO BACKPACK?** The men's Backpacking Ministry has scheduled its next trip – August 5-7 to Panthertown Valley near Lake Toxaway in Western North Carolina. No experience is needed. Some equipment is provided. To sign up or learn more, reach Rev. Parker Haynes at 704-295-4823 or [parker@mpumc.org](mailto:parker@mpumc.org).

**SINGLE BOOMERS** The Single Boomers church fellowship group for those roughly ages 52 to 70 meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at a different restaurant. Other upcoming activities include pontoon boating on Lake Norman, movies, plays and more. To learn more, reach Jan Nomina at [jan.nomina@gmail.com](mailto:jan.nomina@gmail.com).

**PERFORMING ARTS CAMP** *It's Cool In The Furnace*, a performing arts camp for rising Grades 2-8, is August 15-19 at the church. Cost is \$200 per student. Details: Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or [nancy@mpumc.org](mailto:nancy@mpumc.org).

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

**PRAYING THROUGH THE PSALMS** Duke Divinity School summer intern Palmer Cantler will offer a four-week study on the Psalms and why they are important in our prayer lives. Class will meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 18 and 25 and August 1 in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. To sign up or learn more, reach Palmer at [palmer@mpumc.org](mailto:palmer@mpumc.org).

**SING IN SUMMER CHOIR** Everyone from sixth grade on up regardless of experience is invited to sing in the Summer Choir at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service through August 7. Gather in the Choir Room at 10:00 a.m. on those mornings for coffee and donuts, then rehearse at 10:15 a.m. before singing in worship. Details: Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or [nancy@mpumc.org](mailto:nancy@mpumc.org).

**HYMN SING JULY 31** The annual *Hymns & Hot Dogs* hymn sing will be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31, in Jubilee Hall, offering a chance to join in on such classics as *I'll Fly Away* and *Amazing Grace*. Hot dogs, chips, lemonade and fellowship follow.

**MARRIAGE WORKSHOP** Counselor Bronah Livingston will lead a *Marriage Matters* workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, August 20, in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. The seminar meets the premarital counseling for those getting married at the church. All couples are welcome. The seminar will explore Dr. John Gottman's book, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. The seminar is free for those getting married at the church, \$30 per couple for others, payable at the workshop by check or cash. To register by August 18, reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

## ***SERVING OTHERS...***

**CASSEROLE TEAM NEEDS YOU** The Casserole Team needs help making casseroles and delivering them to those just home from the hospital or who have suffered a loss. It's the church's way of saying, "We are mindful of you." Reach Ginny Abernathy at [larryaec@bellsouth.net](mailto:larryaec@bellsouth.net) to join the team.

**FREEDOM SCHOOL: JOIN THE FUN** It's Week No. 4 at Freedom School. Extra hearts and hands are welcome as Ray's Splash Planet chaperones on Monday, July 11, and Monkey Joe's Monday, July 18. You can also read one-on-one with a young scholar through Freedom School DEAR (*Drop Everything And Read*) on July 12, 14, 19, 20 and 21. You can read one or more days. Mark your calendar for the Freedom School Finale Wednesday, July 27, in Jubilee Hall, and help serve lunch and cheer on scholars in year-end performances. Visit [www.MPUMC.FreedomSchool.org](http://www.MPUMC.FreedomSchool.org).

**JUBILEE STORE IN JULY** Each Christmas, our church hosts a Christmas store for families transitioning to home ownership. Since the giving spirit flourishes year-round, you can contribute items now that are traditionally hard to secure: Bath and Body Works items for teenage girls, Axe products for teenage boys, and scooters and helmets for younger children. You can place items (unwrapped) in the Parish Life lobby bin.

**LOAVES & FISHES** Join us at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, at the Loaves & Fishes food pantry warehouse at 648 B Griffith Road to sort food. A church team volunteers there the second Wednesday of each month. Reach Laura Weller at [lauraoweller@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraoweller@yahoo.com).

**LIVEDIFFERENTLY T-SHIRTS IN** Haven't bought a *#LiveDifferently* T-shirt yet? We have all sizes (including children's) in a variety of colors on sale in the Goodness Gracious! gift shop at \$15. All proceeds support missions.

**MAKE 800 SANDWICHES** We'll try to hit our goal of making 800 sandwiches for Urban Ministry Center at 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 18, in Room 110 of the Parish Life Building. Please bring two loaves of bread and something to fill them with (turkey, cheese, PBJ and the like). It's kid-friendly. Sign up at [www.myersparkumc.org/serve](http://www.myersparkumc.org/serve).

The logo for Myers Park United Methodist Church features a large, stylized, light-colored graphic of a cross or a similar symbol in the background. The text is centered over this graphic.

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