

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



The Icon of Christ Pantocrator, St. Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai

A Service of Christian Worship

July 17, 2016

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

WE GATHER

Gathering Music (9:45, 11:00)

“Allegro” Quartet in Eb

F.J. Haydn

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Great is Thy Faithfulness (8:30)
“Andante” *Quartet in C* (9:45, 11:00)

arr. Dan Miller
W.A. Mozart

† **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with honor and glory.**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all.

† **Processional Hymn No. 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† **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, you know us better than we know ourselves,
and you see us more clearly.
How impossible it seems that we could ever hide anything from you.
Sometimes we pretend to be better than we are.
We do things we know will hurt others
and act as though we are blameless.
We are complicit, and we are guilty, and we are broken.
So we ask for your forgiveness,
because you love us more than we can imagine,
and you can make us whole beyond our wildest dreams.
This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show us the way.
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.**

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

Congregational Response (9:45, 11:00)

**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

STUTTGART

**Child of God your loving parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

Anthem

Lord of the Dance (8:30, 9:45)

arr. Lloyd Larson

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

“Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he,
“and I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I’ll lead you all in the Dance,” said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
they came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I’d gone,
but I am the Dance and I still go on!

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the Life that’ll never, never die.
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me;
“I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he.

Be Not Afraid (11:00)

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.
Be not afraid, I have called you by name.
My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I shall surround you.
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.
You are my child, you are so precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always.
Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.
When you feel lost, always remember:
I am right here, just call out my name.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Find Us Faithful

Jon Mohr

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
and those who've gone before us line the way.
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us run the race not only for the prize;
but as those who've gone before us,
let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness
passed on through Godly lives.

O may all who come behind us find us faithful,
may the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

After all our hope and dreams have come and gone,
and our children sift through all we've left behind,
may the clues that they discover and the mem'ries they uncover
become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

† **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

The Summons

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

† **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**

Toccata Jubilate

Fred Bock

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Rev. Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister



LITURGISTS

Palmer Cantler, Duke Divinity Intern (8:30, 11:00)

Rev. Parker Haynes, Associate Minister



LAY READERS

Bob Lumadue (8:30), Aimee Williams (9:45), Meredith Pinson (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organ

Kevin Proffit, tenor

Peg Broughton and Nancy Hamff, duet (8:30, 9:45)

Myers Park Strings (9:45, 11:00)

Summer Choir (11:00)

TODAY AT MYERS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...

WELCOME! We are thankful you are here, worshipping 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 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 is *Sadie Sherer Rhodes*, daughter of *Chelsea and Jim Rhodes*. Being Baptized at the 11:00 a.m. service is *Julia Marie Cole*, daughter of *Kellie and Andy Cole*.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Lisa and James Howell* with great affection and appreciation from your congregation, with thanks for your continuing ministry at Myers Park United Methodist 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.

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*.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY

Join us for an ice cream social from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. this afternoon 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.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD Church members are always invited to attend the Administrative Board dinner meetings to ask questions and keep up with the business life of the church. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, in Room 103 of the Parish Life Building.

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.

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. It's widely considered the Yosemite of the East. 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.

GROWING IN FAITH...

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. You can participate on any or all Sundays. Details: Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or nancy@mpumc.org.

CHILLIN' WITH CHIMES Kids in Grades K-2 are invited to enjoy a handchime experience from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, and Monday, August 1. Kids can attend one or both sessions. To learn more, reach Director of Music for Children and Youth Brian Childers at 704-295-4806 or brian@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 *Because He Lives, I'll Fly Away* and *Amazing Grace*. Director of Music Jimmy Jones promises a chance to shout out requests. 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.

SERVING OTHERS...

LEARN ABOUT GLEANING

After each worship service this morning, joins us on the Queens Road lawn for lemonade (inside in bad weather) and learn about the Society of Saint Andrew, which runs a gleaning network in the Carolinas. Gleaning is the practice of collecting unharvested food from fields and giving it to the hungry. This morning, you can sign up with a church group to glean from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 23, or visit www.myersparkumc.org/serve.

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 to join the team.

FREEDOM SCHOOL: TWO WEEKS TO GO This week, the church-sponsored summer program for 80 at-risk scholars needs lay servants to chaperone afternoon field trips to Monkey Joe's and Cordelia Pool, read one-on-one with an elementary-age student and provide snacks for scholars and interns. Sign up at www.MPUMCFreedomSchool.org.

MAKE 800 SANDWICHES MONDAY We're short quite a few lay servants to make 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.

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.



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