

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



The ruins of Hierapolis, near ancient Colossae.

A Service of Christian Worship

July 24, 2016

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

Tenth 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
How Great Thou Art

arr. Dan Miller

† **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 85

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

† **Processional Hymn No. 154**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

† **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

**Merciful and loving God,
when we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace.
When we are oblivious, open our eyes.
When we are harsh, gentle our spirit.
When we are apathetic, show us your suffering children.
When we demean ourselves, whisper that we are created
in your image.
When we lose all hope, show us the empty tomb.
So shape us, and turn us around,
that we will live with blessing and grace and light. 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)

Congregational Response (9:45)

**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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Preparation No. 454 (Stanzas 1-2)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Epistle Reading

**Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 2:6-15

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

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died,
one voice, one song, we lift in praise
to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all,
above all, and through all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
we are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,
in the fullness of Christ.

† 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. 369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

† **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**

Echoes of Joy

Hans-André Stamm

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Rev. Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister



LITURGISTS

Dr. Melanie Dobson, Minister of Faith Formation

Rev. Bill Roth, Minister of Congregational Care



LAY READERS

Jerry Mitchell (8:30), Jamie Rodway (9:45), Michael Teden (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organ

Robert Moody, conductor

Brian Winegardner, trumpet

Small Ensemble (8:30, 9:45)

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 are *Lillian Gayle Heath and Campbell Kiprian Heath*, daughters of *Rachel and Mike Heath*.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Ruth Sherrill Dalton* on her birthday by *Rufus Dalton*.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS NEWS A book study at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through August 7 in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building is focusing on *Shiny Gods – finding freedom* from things that distract us by Mike Slaughter. The Holy Rollers kickball team plays Tuesday evenings through 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. 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.

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WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

SMALL STUFF MISSION Need some work done around the house? Church member Jim Walters has started *Small Stuff Mission* to help seniors, the handicapped and others with light projects – hanging blinds, hooking up a TV, clearing a stopped-up sink and the like. Reach Jim at 704-607-7157 or jfwalters45@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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. A mandatory pretrip meeting for all planning to go is at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 28, in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. Bring all the gear you intend to take on the trip. To sign up or learn more, reach Rev. Parker Haynes at 704-295-4823 or 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.

STEP, JUMP, LEAP ONLINE The plan to reignite church efforts in five areas – Grow In Faith, Radical Hospitality, Community Building And Partnerships, Education, and Affordable Housing – is posted on the home page of www.myersparkumc.org. Read *Step, Jump, Leap*, as it's called, then reach church member Dave Lank at 704-909-8152 to ask question or share an idea.

GROWING IN FAITH...

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST Starting August 1 at www.myersparkumc.org, you can sign up for *Companions In Christ* small-group Bible studies. Among the offerings: *Exploring The Way* (introduction to spiritual practices) and *The Way Of Grace* (learning about God's grace). The latest *Cornerstone* church newsletter offers one participant's view of how much *Companions* has meant to her.

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, in Room 229 (Music Library). 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.

TEACHER TRAINING If you're currently teaching an adult Sunday School class or leading an adult small group, or want to do so, please attend a training session from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 14, in Room 106 of the Parish Life Building. Details: Rev. Barbara Barden at 704-295-4813 or bbarden@mpumc.org.

WEEKEND RETREAT Join us for an end-of-summer retreat in the lovely wooded setting of Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro August 19-21 as Rev. Bill Roth leads us. All are welcome, and spaces are available. To learn more, reach Rev Barbara Barden at bbarden@mpumc.org or visit www.myersparkumc.org/adults.

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK *Disciple Fast Track: Face 2 Face* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, in Room 106 of the Parish Life Building offers the chance to learn more about *Disciple Fast Track* Bible study starting the week of September 6. You'll also be able to sign up for the *Fast Track* course, offering a 24-week study devoted to the Old and New Testaments. Registration begins at www.myersparkumc.org starting August 1.

ADULTS PLUS! RETREAT The ministry to ages 55 and over will hold a Spiritual Life Retreat October 19-21 at Lake Junaluska in the N.C. mountains. Church member Mark Edwards will lead a program on *Paul: His Letters And The Early Church*. To learn more, reach Christine Mull at 704-295-4815 or cmull@mpumc.org.

SERVING OTHERS...

FREEDOM SCHOOL: THE FINAL WEEK We wrap up the church-sponsored summer program for 80 scholars at Sedgefield Elementary this week. On Tuesday, help a student shop the book fair. On Wednesday, read at the Harambee morning rally. At noon Wednesday in Jubilee Hall, serve lunch to Freedom School students and families at the joyous finale showcasing the scholars' summer fun and achievements. Learn more and sign up at www.MPUMCFreedomSchool.org.

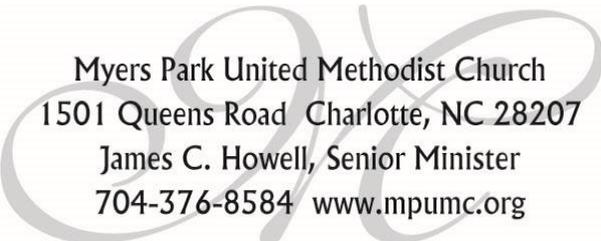
JUBILEE STORE IN JULY Serve from your computer: Visit the Target wish list at www.myersparkumc.org/serve and order a Christmas gift for the store that serves families transitioning into home ownership. We are accepting Bath and Body Works products for teenage girls, Axe products for teenage boys and scooters and helmets for younger children. All items will be shipped to the church. You can also shop at any store and place unwrapped gifts in the Parish Life lobby bin.

HELP NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES Partner agency Refugee Support Services is taking a group of children to the fire station on Wednesday, July 27. We need one more person to transport our new neighbors from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. using the church van. Reach Local Missions Coordinator Jen Rothacker at jen@mpumc.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LOAVES & FISHES July is the busiest month for our local food pantry because kids are not receiving school breakfasts and lunches. Grab a blue MPUMC canvas bag and fill it with canned and boxed goods. Priorities include canned meats and pastas, cereals and canned fruit. Donations go in the Parish Life lobby bin.

MISSION TO RIO September 17-26, we will send a mission team to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to partner with a United Methodist church to do light construction, work with youth at a teen center and share fellowship at a nursing home. Sign up at www.myersparkumc.org/serve under *Global Missions*.

HAITI MISSION TEAM FORMING Join our team headed to Bayonnais, Haiti, October 26 to November 2. Our partnership is focusing on sustainable efforts that include an agronomy program, quality education, food for the community and building relationships. We've already built a choir room and classrooms and provided toilets for the school. Register at www.myersparkumc.org. Questions? Reach Nancy Holmes at nholmes@mpumc.org.



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