

Myers Park  
United Methodist Church



*The Lost Drachma, James Tissot*

**A Service of Christian Worship**

**September 11, 2016**

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

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome**

*Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

## Introit

Remember Me

Stephen Chatman

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no more hold me by the hand.  
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad.

## † Call to Worship

As a Shepherd seeks a lost sheep,  
**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,  
**so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,  
**so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.  
**Let us rejoice and welcome and rejoice over one another  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

## † Opening Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

## † 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**

**O God, source of all that makes life possible,  
giver of all that makes life good:  
We gather to give you our thanks,  
yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness.  
What we have we take for granted,  
and we grumble about what we lack.  
We have squandered your bounty,  
with little thought of those who will come after us.  
We are more troubled by the few who have more  
than by the many who have less.  
Forgive us, O God.  
In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving;  
and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life;  
through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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

### † Hymn of Preparation No. 405

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE

### † Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

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

Come Home

Craig Courtney

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;

see, on the portals He's waiting and watching,

watching for you and for me.

Come home, you who are weary come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,

pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,

mercies for you and for me.

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,

pardon for you and for me.

### † 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**

**Third Grade Bible Presentation**

**Response of Parents:**

We will, with God's help.

**Response of Children:**

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

We will read and study the Bible together. Thank you.

**Response of Congregation:**

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.**

**We pray God will guide you, your family, and us**

**as you use this Holy Bible in your home,**

**in your church school classes, and in our worship.**

**We will learn together and grow in our love for the Scriptures.**

† **Closing Hymn No. 437**

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

† **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 in Seven

John Rutter

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† Stand as you are able

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**



### **PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister



### **LITURGISTS**

Rev. Parker Haynes, Associate Minister

Heidi Giffin, Assistant Director of Children's Ministries (8:30)

Jenna Zello, Assistant Director of Children's Ministries (9:45)

Sarah Sumner, Director of Children's Ministries (11:00)



### **LAY READERS**

Ron Knape (8:30), Lynn Cacchione (9:45), Steven Cole (11:00)



### **MUSICIANS**

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Nicolas Haigh, Music Associate and Organist

Chamber Singers

Kevin Proffit, tenor

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



### **CRUCIFERS**

Caroline Griffith (8:30), Louisa Cacchione (9:45), Rex Brietz (11:00)



### **ACOLYTES**

Jack Griffith and Hayden Plyler (8:30)

CJ Hannum and Julia Hannum (9:45)

Max Brietz and Jake Brietz (11:00)



### **BIBLE CARRIERS**

Jim Johnson (8:30), Ivey Mattscheck (9:45), Emily Brietz (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.

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

**DISCOVER MYERS PARK** Want to learn more about our church family, how to get involved and perhaps join our congregation? Our *Discover Myers Park* class shares about the life of the church. *Discover Myers Park* meets at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, October 23, in the lobby of Parish Life Building for coffee, fellowship and conversation. You don't need to sign up in advance for these gatherings, just come and join us. Reach Rev. Parker Haynes at [parker@mpumc.org](mailto:parker@mpumc.org) to learn more.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God by *Charlotte Green* in honor of 25 years serving Myers Park United Methodist Church as a local outreach, and its partnership with UMAR.

### **THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY**

Today is Third Grade Bible Sunday at our church. Following the beloved tradition, 83 third-graders will receive an engraved Bible during one of today's worship services to help them on their faith journey: Hollis Ammons, Davis Berger, Caiden Black, Millie Boyle, Molly Brown, Alex Bundy, Harrison Burge, Jack Butler, Lillie Caldwell, Meredith Caldwell, Peter Cassidy, Jordan Cipriani, Claire Cole, Matthew Davis, Samuel Demetriades, Lawrence Dempsey, Walker Edwards, Mason Elmore, Zachary Ervin, Jed Ferry, George Fisher, Harrison Gaddy, Ava Giordano, Raker Goodman, George Griffin, Myers Griffin, John Grimes, Evelyn Haggstrom, Olivia Halpern, Thomas Hamilton, Ann Elise Harrell, Nat Hauser, Mallory Holden, Henry Holland, Arden Holzman, Caroline Hughes, Henry Hulbert, Jacob Hulse, Sophie Hunt, Charlie Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, Ella Jones, Collin Kiefer, David Kincheloe, Sean Lickert, Ben Long, Maggie Long, Witt Lovett, Clara Lowery, Charli Lutz, Charlie Mata, Charlie Mattei, Audrey McCollum, Matthew McCoy, Beckett Moody, Brooks Moody, Benjamin Munson, Will O'Neal, John Person, Zach Plyler, Lilly Price, David Rankin, Myers Reich, William Ricketts, Sallie Scott, Riley Sherman, George Shull, Parker South, Charlie Stubbs, Edwards Tarumianz, Elam Turner, Jane Updyke, Willian Wagner, Anna Jane Walden, Cate Walger, Bowen Weber, Aubrey Weikel, Jill Williams, Quinn Wilson, Nolan Winslow, Connor Yett and Kathryn Zello.

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP, CONFIRMATION** Youth group and Confirmation begin today at 6:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. Parents are asked to drop off their youth at the Parish Life lobby this year. Kids, come up to Jubilee Hall for dinner (\$5) and praise band worship. Grades 6-8 will stay there for *Get To Know You* games. High schoolers will go off campus for *Project LOA (Love One Another)*. Pick-up is at 7:45 p.m.

**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.

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

**H.O.T. WEDNESDAY** H.O.T. Wednesday returns September 14, offering a delicious meal and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Jubilee Hall. This week's menu: Hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings, potato salad/chips, vegetarian baked beans, desserts and ice cream. Make reservations at [HotWednesday@mpumc.org](mailto:HotWednesday@mpumc.org) or call 704-376-5520 (option six) by noon each Tuesday. The Goodness Gracious! gift shop in the Parish Life lobby is open until 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays when H.O.T. Wednesday meets.

**YOUNG ADULTS NEWS** The Agape Sunday School welcomes young adults to its potluck gathering from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 18, at the Providence Road playground. Enjoy bowling at Ten Park Lanes on Montford Drive at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 23. Bring your children (up to age five) to the play group Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the church playground



(Providence Road side). For more on Young Adults Ministries, reach Jessica Stevens at 704-295-4803 or [jessica@mpumc.org](mailto:jessica@mpumc.org).

**CARING FOR AGING PARENTS** The congregation and community are invited to a panel discussion on *Issues In Caring For Aging Parents* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 20, in Francis Chapel.

**ADULTS PLUS!** The Adults Plus! ministry for ages 55 and over begins a new season of programs and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 21, in Room 103 of the Parish Life Building. Molly Barker of the Red Boot Coalition will talk about her work promoting “honest sharing and compassionate listening” – continuing the conversation she shares with Dr. Howell on Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. A barbecue chicken lunch follows for the Adults Plus! folks at noon September 21 in Jubilee Hall. To make a reservation by noon September 20, call 704-376-5520 (option two) or e-mail [cmull@mpumc.org](mailto:cmull@mpumc.org).

**CPR/AED CLASSES** Learn adult and infant CPR and how to use the automated external defibrillators (AED) around the church at two classes: From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 22, and Wednesday, October 5, in Room 110 of the Parish Life Building. Cost is \$30, paid in advance. RSVP to Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

**GIVE BLOOD** You can donate blood from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, October 16, in the Youth Building Gym. Appointments are recommended: Reserve a time from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 25, and October 2 and 9, in the Parish Life Building lobby or by calling 704-376-8584. Walk-ins are also welcome the day of the drive.

**HELP WITH MEDIASHOUT** Want to help run the MediaShout program at Church In The Round service at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in Jubilee Hall? Reach Director of Multimedia Jim Deal at 704-295-4825 or [jim@mpumc.org](mailto:jim@mpumc.org).

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

### **MONDAY: CAN WE TALK CIVILLY?**

At 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 12, in Jubilee Hall, Dr. Howell will engage in a dialogue with Molly Barker about how to start a civil conversation with someone you don't understand or know, and why it's important. Molly founded Charlotte's Red Boot Coalition, which promotes what it calls “honest sharing and compassionate listening.”

**MARY CIRCLE** All women are invited to share study and fellowship with the Mary Circle, which meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in Room 104 of the Parish Life Building starting September 13. This year, the group will read and explore the book, *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding*, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. Details: Amy Brittain at amysbrittain@gmail.com.

**RISING STRONG WORKSHOP** Church member Frances Baldwin will lead a six-session workshop at the church based on Brené Brown's book, *Rising Strong*, from 9:30 a.m. to noon Fridays from September 16 to October 21 in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. To learn more and sign up, reach Frances at 704-654-0064 or frances@baldwindavis.com.

**NEW CLASS FOR WOMEN** Women of all ages are invited to participate in a new class – *Simply Women* – that will meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in Room 167 in the Youth Building starting September 18. Details: Director of Young Adults Jessica Stevens at 704-295-4803 or jessica@mpumc.org.

**ORIENTATION FOR PRESCHOOL PARENTS** Join Children's Ministries at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 18, in Francis Chapel to learn about what your preschooler does during the Sunday School hour. Details: Heidi Giffin at heidi@mpumc.org.

**MINDFULNESS BOOK STUDY** Parish Nurse Susan Mobley will facilitate a book study on *Mindfulness: An Eight-Week Plan for Finding Peace in a Frantic World* by Mark Williams and Danny Penman. The class will meet Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to noon from September 19 to November 14 in Room 103 in the Parish Life Building. Class size is limited to 15. To sign up, reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

**ACOLYTES, BIBLE CARRIERS, CRUCIFERS** Youth in Grades 5-12 are welcome to serve in this meaningful Sunday morning ministry: Fifth-graders serve as Bible carriers, processing into Sanctuary worship with the Bible. Youth in Grades 6-9 serve as Acolytes, processing in with torches and lighting the altar candles. Youth in Grades 10-12 lead the processional carrying the cross into the Sanctuary. Training for all three roles is from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 24, and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 16, both in the Sanctuary. Youth must attend one session. A parent must attend, too, to learn about scheduling, procedures and dress requirements. Adults are also invited to train to serve as Sunday morning coach, a commitment of once every four to six Sundays. Details: Amelia Miller at cmiller5@carolina.rr.com.

**RELIGION AND POLITICS** In the midst of this bitter election season, Dr. Howell will explore religion and politics from a Christian and Methodist perspective at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 26, in Jubilee Hall.

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

**READ TO A SECOND-GRADER** Read weekly to a child through *For The Love Of Reading*, Tuesday or Thursday from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. through April. Reach Beth Gage at [bethdgage@gmail.com](mailto:bethdgage@gmail.com).

**DONATE MEN'S SOCKS** Donations of new men's socks of all kinds are welcome through September 21 in the Parish Life lobby bin for Urban Ministry Center – ankle, crew and knee-high socks are all needed.

**LOAVES & FISHES** Join us at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 14, at the food pantry warehouse at 648 B Griffith Road to sort food. Details: Laura Weller at [lauraoweller@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraoweller@yahoo.com).

**HABITAT BUILD** A lovely family of five is joining with Myers Park United Methodist and Presbyterian churches to help build their Habitat home in the Grier Heights community. Sign up at [www.myersparkumc.org/serve](http://www.myersparkumc.org/serve).

**MAKE SANDWICHES** Join us at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 19, in Room 104 of the Parish Life Building to make sandwiches for Urban Ministry Center. Bring two loaves of bread and fillings (turkey, PB&J and the like). Sign up at [www.myersparkumc.org/serve](http://www.myersparkumc.org/serve).

**HAITI MISSION** Feeling called to serve in Haiti? Want to learn why we serve there? Join us at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 14 or 21, in Room 103 in the Parish Life Building to learn more. Our team is headed to Bayonnais, Haiti, October 26 to November 2. Register at [www.myersparkumc.org/serve](http://www.myersparkumc.org/serve) under *Global Missions*.



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*We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.*