

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



*Terebinth Tree in Gilead*

## **A Service of Christian Worship**

**September 18, 2016**

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

## **Eighteenth 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** Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge

† **Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

You turn our mourning into dancing!

**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!**

† **Opening Hymn No. 66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

† **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 God,  
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.  
We have failed to forgive our debtors  
as you have forgiven us.  
We have been unfaithful and dishonest  
in small things and great things alike.  
We are shrewd in seeking wealth  
and foolish in following your way.  
Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake.  
Make us faithful stewards of the grace  
you have given and generous in forgiving others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

**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.**

**STUTTGART**

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

### Hymn of Preparation

Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
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give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

#### Sermon Response

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Howard Helvey

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

#### 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**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

arr. Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.  
Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Father's bidding, faithful Lord, abide with me;  
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquered death,  
freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.

Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin,  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here I die to Thee,  
there to dwell eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.  
Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, Thou art now our Head.

Living members of Thy Body, where Thou livest,  
we shall be, Thou wilt keep us constantly,  
even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I live to Thee,  
there to dwell eternally.

## **† 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. 428**

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

## **† 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**

Trumpet Processional in G

David German

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† Stand as you are able

**WORSHIP LEADERS**



**PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister



**LITURGISTS**

Rev. Barbara Barden, Minister of Adult Education

Rev. Bill Roth, Minister of Congregational Care



**LAY READERS**

Carol Green (8:30), Ellen Underwood (9:45), Hilary Coman (11:00)



**MUSICIANS**

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Nicolas Haigh, Music Associate and Organist

Josh Wald and Tyler Lewis, duet (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



**CRUCIFERS**

Catie Holshouser (8:30), Abby Parker (9:45), Andy Price (11:00)



**ACOLYTES**

Sarah Holshouser and David Starling (8:30)

Ava Harrell and Grace Harrell (9:45)

Matthew Bernard and Marcie Bernard (11:00)



## **BIBLE CARRIERS**

Turner Curtis (8:30), Miller Sherman (9:45), Lola White (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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Thomas Henry Price*, son of *Candace and Andrew Price*; and *John Read Thach*, son of *Kathryn and John Thach*. Being baptized at the 11:00 a. m. service is *Lucy Annabelle Brugh*, daughter of *Kelley and Will Brugh*.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God, in memory of *Mitchell* and in thanksgiving for *Frank*, by *Meg McElwain*.

**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 dates: October 23 and 30.

**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.

**NEW CLASS FOR WOMEN** Women of all ages are invited to participate in a new class – *Simply Women* – meeting at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in Room 167 in the Youth Building starting this morning. Participants from all stages in life will share Bible study and fellowship. Details: Director of Young Adults Jessica Stevens at 704-295-4803 or [jessica@mpumc.org](mailto:jessica@mpumc.org).

**ORIENTATION FOR PRESCHOOL PARENTS** Join Children's Ministries at 10:00 a.m. this morning in Francis Chapel to learn about what your preschooler does during the Sunday School hour. Details: Heidi Giffin at [heidi@mpumc.org](mailto:heidi@mpumc.org).

**AGAPE POTLUCK TODAY** The Agape Sunday School welcomes young adults to its potluck gathering from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. today on the church playground (Providence Road). Also for young adults: Enjoy bowling at Ten Park Lanes on Montford Drive at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 23. And 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).

**YOUTH GROUP** Middle schoolers and Confirmands will not meet this week. Please pray for the 66 middle school youth and chaperones on retreat at Awanita Valley Camp. High school today will go see the new movie, *Hillsong: Let Hope Rise*. Visit [www.mpumcyouth.org](http://www.mpumcyouth.org) for more, or reach Ellen Spence at [ellen@mpumc.org](mailto:ellen@mpumc.org).

**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...***

**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. Sponsored by Stephen Ministries, the panel will include Parish Nurse Susan Mobley, Rev. Bill Roth and church member Bob Truscello. Among the topics: Spirituality, medical and legal concerns and expectations when faced with this challenge in life.

**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 had last Monday with Dr. Howell. A barbecue chicken lunch follows 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).

**H.O.T. WEDNESDAY** H.O.T. Wednesday offers a delicious meal and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Jubilee Hall. This week’s menu: Pepperidge Farms chicken breast, rice pilaf, steamed broccoli, salad, rolls, 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.

**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.

**MEDICARE D COUNSELING** Church members Nick Beard, Ron Knappe, Jan Nomina and Bill Spier will offer one-on-one counseling on Medicare prescription drug plans Mondays through Thursdays in the Church Library (Room 111) in the

Parish Life Building starting Monday, October 17 and running through Tuesday, December 6. They'll hold meetings between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Bring your list of medications and dosages. To make an appointment, contact Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

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

**WANT TO BE A PART OF MUSIC MINISTRY?** Would you like to sing or play in one of our choirs? We offer opportunities for all abilities and commitment levels with our Chancel Choir, Women's Ensemble and many handbell choirs. You can find more about rehearsal times and other details at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org) or by reaching Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or [nancy@mpumc.org](mailto:nancy@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. Mindfulness has been shown as a way to reduce stress and live more fully in the moment. To sign up, reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

**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.

**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](mailto:cmiller5@carolina.rr.com).

**SPIRITUAL WELLNESS** Health care providers in all fields are invited to a four-part series, *Spiritual Wellness*, meeting Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. On October 3, Dr. Howell will explore *Incorporating Spirituality In Patient Care*. On October 10, Nicole Greer will discuss *Receiving Peace Throughout The Day – Avoiding Caregiver Burnout*. On October 17, Dr. Warren Kinghorn will look at *Practicing Christian Ethics In Health Care*. On

October 24. Dr. Ray Barfield considers *Standing In Hope Amidst Suffering*. Details: Dr. Melanie Dobson at 704-295-4840 or melanie@mpumc.org.

**NEW MONASTICISM** This new short-term small group study will be offered by Dr. Melanie Dobson Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. October 6 to November 10 in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. It's for those hungry seeking deep spiritual life in the context of community. Details: [www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups](http://www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups).

**FALL SMALL GROUPS** For information on all of our Fall small groups, and to sign up, visit [www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups](http://www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups).

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

**LIVEDIFFERENTLY WEEKEND COMING** Pencil in October 1-2 to *#LiveDifferently*. Ministry opportunities will include sorting food at Second Harvest, grilling lunch at McCreesh Place and more. The weekend culminates Sunday, October 2, with the *Stop Hunger Now* packing event. To get an early start, look for the red Loaves & Fishes bins throughout the campus and fill it with canned fruits, canned meats and diapers. The goal is 6,000 pounds of goods by October 2. Turn to [www.LiveDifferentlyWeekend.org](http://www.LiveDifferentlyWeekend.org) to sign up, or you can register this morning in the Parish Life lobby or at *Lemonade On The Lawn*.

**HAITI MISSION** Feeling called to serve in Haiti? Join us at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 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*. To learn more, reach Minister of Missions Nathan Arledge at [nathan@mpumc.org](mailto:nathan@mpumc.org) or team leader Steve Breckenridge at 704-231-1138 or [sbreckenridge@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sbreckenridge@carolina.rr.com).

**READ TO A SECOND-GRADER** Read weekly to a Sedgfield Elementary student 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.

**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).



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