

Myers Park United Methodist Church



The Lord Answering Job Out of the Whirlwind. William Blake

A Service of Christian Worship

October 28, 2018

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

Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER

Gathering Music (9:45, 11:00)

Allegro con Moto

Jason Krug

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Ring For Joy

Brian Childers

† **Call to Worship**

Psalm 27

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

† **Processional Hymn No. 110**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

† **The Creed No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

† **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 God,

**we are surrounded by your goodness,
but we get trapped in our own pain.**

**When we hurt,
it can be difficult to see beyond ourselves.**

**Forgive us for our self-centeredness,
and open our eyes to your vast compassion and grace.**

Be not far from us, O Lord.

**Walk with us and do not let us go,
that we may find our rest in you. 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 (8:30, 9:45)

Congregational Response (8:30, 9:45)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

**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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Job 38-42 (*selected verses*)

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 No. 895

Offertory

Allegro con Moto (8:30)

Jason Krug

"Psalm 46" from *A Festival of Psalms* (9:45, 11:00)

John Ness Beck

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed,
and the mountains be carried away to the very midst of the sea.
Though the waters roar and the mountains quake at his majesty.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacle, the holy place of the Lord.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
he shall defend her from the night through the dawn.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still and know that I am God:
I will be exalted above all nations.
I will be exalted upon the earth.

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
His everlasting love will guide us from above.
All glory to his name, from age to age the same:
his Kingdom is forever.**

Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

† **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

† **Hymn No. 122**

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

ROEDER

† **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**

A Mighty Fortress

Charles Ore

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions & Community Engagement



LAY READER

Barry Guy (8:30), Jim Blane (9:45), Sandy Hieronymus (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Brian Childers, Director of Music for Children and Youth

Chamber Ringers

Brian Winegardner, trumpet (9:45, 11:00)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Isabelle Oxrider (9:45), Gracie Deel (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Charlie McLaurin and Miloree McLaurin (8:30)

Hall Ashford and Logan Sullivan (9:45)

Elizabeth Beasley and Caroline Beasley (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Finley Holzman (8:30), Tommy Sullivan (9:45), Meredith Cory (11:00)

TODAY AT MYERS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...

WELCOME! We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. 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 in the Sanctuary narthex. Our *Discover Myers Park* class is designed to welcome you and help get you connected as we share a snapshot of our history and ministries. The informal gathering lasts about an hour, and meets next at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, January 20, in Francis Chapel. Details: Rev. Uiyeon Kim at 704-295-4840 or UKim@mpumc.org.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 8:30 a.m. service is *Edward Morrison Zoog*, son of *Natalie and Evon Zoog*. Being Baptized at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Catherine James McSherry*, daughter of *Jenny and Craig McSherry*; *James Douglas Noland*, son of *Erin and Neal Noland*; and *Charlotte Grace Vander Leeuw*, daughter of *Liz and Jack Vander Leeuw*.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by *Ron and Jan Kimble* in loving memory of their daughter, *Jamie*, and all the others who have lost their lives to an act of domestic violence.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation by remembering the day Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses to the doors of churches in Wittenberg, Germany. The theses are considered the opening act in the Protestant Reformation, a movement that strove to recover the primacy of Scripture and the vitality of faith.

Today we remember the reform begun 500 years ago, remembering that the Church always is in need of reform and unity, not division.

DISCUSS CHILDREN AND TECHNOLOGY Parents and others are invited for coffee and conversation on *Children And Technology* from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. this morning in Jubilee Hall.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUPS Sunday night youth groups meet from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us in Jubilee Hall for Moe's Southwest Grill taco bar (\$7). After dinner, youth break off for Sixth Grade Quest, Seventh Grade Thrive, Eighth Grade Confirmation and High School.

HURRICANE RESPONSE Donate to our relief fund for victims of the two recent hurricanes at www.myersparkumc.org/disasterrelief or write a check to the church with *Disaster Relief* in the memo line and put it in the offering plate, drop it off at the front desk or mail it to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

RIDE THE SUNDAY SHUTTLE The convenient Sunday shuttle bus service runs continually 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.

SERVING OTHERS...

CHARLOTTE JUSTICE TOUR "Dig deep" and learn what's in the soil here in Charlotte by taking a tour led by Greg and Helms Jarrell of QC Family Tree from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 10. RSVP to Greg Jarrell at greg@qcfamilytree.org.

SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEED Church van drivers are needed one Thursday a month to take scholars from Sedgefield Middle School to lunch at Tuleo Honey. Lunch is provided. Details: Frank Turner at fturner3@icloud.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Make an impact on the affordable housing crisis by partnering with Myers Park Presbyterian to build a house for a family in the Grier Heights community. Interested in learning more or ready to sign up to work on November 3 or 10? Reach Megan Jones at mjones@mpumc.org or www.myersparkumc.org/habitat.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS REACHING OUT Middle schoolers are invited to be a part of a powerful weekend – *Serving The City* – November 17-18 – that will include a 24-hour famine as they serve with organizations that fight hunger. The famine begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 17, with youth heading to Loaves & Fishes food pantry to sort food. Youth will spend that night at church, then rise and go to Sunday School. Cost is \$30. Register at www.mpumcyouth.org.

BORDER EXPERIENCE We have created an additional opportunity to travel November 25-30 with Rev. Nathan Arledge and a mission team to McAllen, Texas, to serve and pray for migrant families being detained at the border. For details on how past trips worked, visit www.myersparkumc.org/border-response. To sign up, reach Nathan Arledge at nathan@mpumc.org.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP Plan to join our mission team traveling over Spring Break, April 13-20, 2019. Signups are first come, first served. Cost is \$1,300 per person. Families (children ages eight and up) are encouraged to join us. Our mission will be to help build relationships in Costa Rica while working alongside friends at the Costa Rica Mission Project. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/costarica.

ZOE KENYA MISSION Learn more about our February and July 2019 ZOE mission trips at our information meeting at noon Sunday, November 11, in Jubilee Hall. Registration will open soon for the February 2019 trip, check back at www.myersparkumc.org/zoe to join the team.

WHY GIVE TO JUBILEE PLUS!? Funds collected through our second-mile outreach fund help support partners like **QC Family Tree**, which works to empower neighbors in the Enderly Park neighborhood through youth development and work to preserve affordable housing. Give to *Jubilee Plus!* year-round at www.myersparkumc.org/jubileeplus or write a check to the church with *Jubilee Plus!* in the memo line and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

STEWARDSHIP *Make A Difference* is the theme of our 2019 stewardship campaign to support the work of the church in the world. Look soon in the mail for your Estimate of Giving card to support the 2019 operating budget and *Jubilee Plus!* fund devoted entirely to outreach. You will also be able to make an estimate of giving, or gift, at www.myersparkumc.org. Look in *the Cornerstone* newsletter and online for stories of how we make a difference, inspired by these words from 1 Timothy 6:18-19 – *Building the treasure of a good foundation for the future.*

HONORING OUR VETERANS To mark Veterans Day on November 11, kindergarten and first-grade children will make Veterans Day cards to mail to veterans and families with church ties. Know a veteran or loved one of a veteran who'd welcome a card? Send the name and address to Assistant Director of Children's Ministries Heidi Giffin at heidi@mpumc.org by November 3.

UPTOWN MEN'S GROUP An uptown men's group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at Amelie's French Bakery at 380 S. College St. for an hour of fellowship and conversation. Come as often as your schedule allows. Email jlencic@wellsfargo.com to learn more.

NO. H.O.T. WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK. Remember, there's no H.O.T. Wednesday this week, October 31, it's Halloween! See you in Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, November 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD Church members are invited to the Administrative Board meeting and Annual Charge Conference on Thursday, November 1, in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building, starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The church business portion of the meeting will begin around 7:30 p.m. Details: Executive Director Saribeth Dozier at 704-295-4844 or saribeth@mpumc.org.

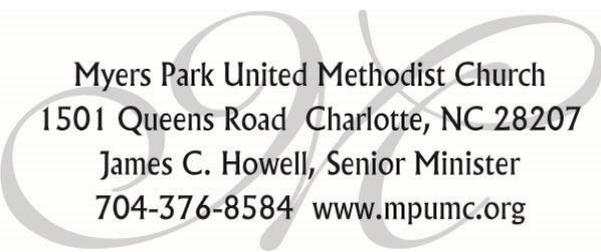
MEDICARE D COUNSELING Church members Nick Beard, Ron Knape, Jan Nomina and Bill Spier will offer free one-on-one counseling on Medicare Part D enrollment on many days through December 6 in the Church Library in the Parish Life Building. Bring your list of medications and dosages. To make an appointment, reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT Save the date for Family Advent Night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, in Jubilee Hall featuring dinner and the chance to make three crafts. You can register starting November 1 at www.myersparkumc.org/children.

CHOIR TRIP TO SCOTLAND The Chancel Choir will travel to Scotland May 20-28, 2019. A limited number of seats are available for non-choir members. To learn more, reach Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or nancy@mpumc.org.

REACH OUT TO THE RELATIVES Young adults are invited to join a group serving dinner and spending time with children at The Relatives, which offers shelter and help to kids in crisis. You will be part of a rotation visiting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. through May. Sign up through *Realm* or email jessica@mpumc.org.

MOMS' GROUP A Moms' Group gathers Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 104 in the Parish Life Building, perfect for working moms of young children. Topics include motherhood, marriage and how to find God while raising little ones. Join us, or email jessica@mpumc.org to learn more.



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