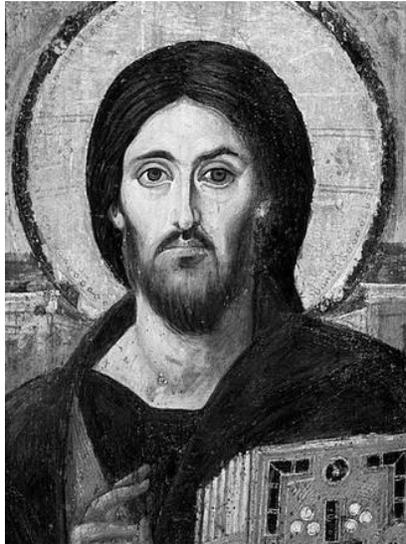


Myers Park United Methodist Church



Christ Pantocrator, Saint Catherine's Monastery, Egypt

A Service of Christian Worship

March 3, 2019

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

Transfiguration Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

† **Call to Worship**

Sometimes we stand in the valley of our comfort.

We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

How can we be ready?

Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

Let us open our hearts to Christ,

ready for the vision he places before us.

† **Processional Hymn No. 89**
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

† **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

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. 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

† **Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:28-36

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.

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing

Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

† 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 COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Hymn of Preparation

Make Us One

MAKE US ONE

Make us one, Lord, make us one; _____ Ho - ly
Spir - it, make us one. _____ Let your love flow so the
world will know we are one in you.

The Great Thanksgiving p.17-18

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion

Gluten-free wafers are available at the Communion rail.

Communion Music

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Hymn No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† 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 on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Albert L. Travis

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READER

Chip Billings (8:30), Alina MacNichol (9:45), Jean Sullivan (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Small Ensemble (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

David Starling (8:30), Boone Foster (9:45), Reid Brownlow (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Nick Janak and Katie Janak (8:30)

Alex McCollum and Logan Sullivan (9:45)

Jane Brownlow and Mac Brownlow (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Nicholas Smith (8:30), Tommy Sullivan (9:45), Quinn Wilson (11:00)

*Welcome to
Myers Park United Methodist Church*

Welcome! We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. Check out the *Guest Information* bookcases in the Sanctuary narthex or drop by the Lobby Welcome Center 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.

Ride the Sunday Shuttle, Sundays, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: The shuttle runs continually between the church and Myers Park Traditional School at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Trudy Morgan by Margaret, James, and Gary.*

Flowers for the Altar: If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, email Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org. Available dates: March 17 and 24.

Youth Group and Confirmation, tonight, 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m., Jubilee Hall: All are invited. Dinner is Moe's taco bar and dessert.

High School Senior Sunday Registration, opens March 3: Our church wants to honor you and your senior on Sunday May 5 at our Senior Recognition Sunday. It is our tradition to recognize seniors and their parents during a special presentation in worship with an embroidered blanket. Lunch follows at 12:15 p.m. Register at www.mpumcyouth.org. Email Ellen Spence with questions at ellenspence@mpumc.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 5, Jubilee Hall, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Come enjoy hot pancakes with a topping bar, King Cake, mask-making, and fun music! \$7/adult, \$5/child, \$28 cap/family. Register by noon tomorrow at www.myersparkumc.org.

H.O.T. Wednesday, weekly, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall: This week's menu: tortilla crusted tilapia, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, rolls, salad, desserts, ice cream. Make reservations at HotWednesday@mpumc.org or call 704-376-5520 (option 6) by noon each Tuesday. Cost is \$7/adult, \$5/child and \$25/family. The Goodness Gracious! Gift shop is open.

Middle School Lenten Bible Study, Weekly, March 6-April 10: Join Sarah Yoss as she leads a middle school small group Bible Study. We will begin by attending the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. on March 6. Beginning March 13, we will eat together at H.O.T. Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Please bring \$7 for dinner. Email Sarah Yoss with questions at sarahyoss@mpumc.org or sign up at www.mpumcyouth.org.

Register Now for Lenten Small Groups: Registration is open for short-term small groups that will begin this week. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups to learn more and register online.

Color and Character: How Integration Built Equity at West Charlotte High, *March 11, 7:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall:* Join author Pamela Grundy, and a panel of West Charlotte High graduates: Judge Louis Trosch, Justin Perry, and Principal Erik Turner. To reserve childcare, email Lisa at lrsmit@mpumc.org by tomorrow.

Children's Ministries Coffee Talk: Love and Logic, *March 17, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Jubilee Hall:* Having power struggles with your children? Join us for a Love and Logic Coffee Talk with Beth Person and learn how to show your love by setting limits, hold children accountable with logical consequences, and how to parent without getting frustrated. For details, email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org

Camp Tekoa Weekend Registration Open, *now through May 10:* The annual Memorial Day church weekend at Camp Tekoa in the NC mountains is May 24-26, a time of fellowship, faith, and fun for families and individuals. Early bird registration runs through March 31. Deadline to sign up is May 10. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/children. For details, email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

March Collection: Business Attire, *now through March 31, Lobby:* We are now collecting new or gently used business attire (dress pants, dress shirts, jackets/blazers, blouses, skirts, dresses, etc.) for the clothing closet at the new Brookhill Community Center. Email Sarah Gillespie at sarahb48@carolina.rr.com with questions.

Men's Shelter Monthly Meals, *first Wednesday or second Tuesday at varying Men's Shelter locations:* Prepare and serve a meal at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte with a team of church members for about an hour and a half. Email Megan Jones at mjones@mpumc.org to sign up or learn more.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, *throughout the year:* Funds help support partners such as Urban Ministry Center and The Men's Shelter of Charlotte, who are planning to join forces into one organization this May. Give to Jubilee Plus! year-round online or write a check to the church with Jubilee Plus! in the memo line.

Donate Using Realm We offer two ways to give electronically. Give using the Realm app, Connect-Our Church Community, or online at www.myersparkumc.org/give. If you need help getting set up, contact Barbara Barden at bbarden@mpumc.org.



Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Want to talk with a Stephen Minister or learn more about this powerful ministry? Reach Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or broth@mpumc.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
- 8:45 a.m. – Church in the Round – Jubilee Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Communion – Sanctuary Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship

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

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