

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Jacob and Esau, Jakob Steinhardt, woodcut, 1950

A Service of Christian Worship

March 31, 2019

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

De Profundis “Out of the Depths”

Jason W. Krug

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Father, Forgive Them

William E. Gross

† **Call to Worship**

In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.

This newness is from God,

who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

Everything has become new. Rejoice and be glad!

† **Processional Hymn No. 560**

Help Us Accept Each Other

alt. ELLACOMBE

† **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

Forgiving God,

your love for us is unending and undeserved.

You drench us in abundant grace,

but we squander your blessings

and take your grace for granted.

When we mess things up

and fail to seek reconciliation, forgive us.

When we deny grace to others out of anger or pride, forgive us.

Reshape and remake us, Lord,

that we may become new creations.

In the silence, show us what we should do without,

so that we may be made new...

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 (11:00)

Congregational Response (11:00)

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.**

Anthem

Psalm 150 (8:30)

Dave & Jean Perry

Praise to the Lord above! Praise God in the sanctuary.
Praise to the Lord above; let everything praise the Lord.

Praise to the Lord above!
Praise God with the clash of cymbals.
All that have breath sing praise; let everything praise the Lord.

Praise for the mighty deeds, for noble and wondrous power.
With trumpet sound; with lute and harp; with timbrel and dance, praise the Lord!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

“If With All Your Hearts” from *Elijah* (9:45, 11:00)

Felix Mendelssohn

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

God So Loved the World (8:30)

Aaron David Miller

God so loved the world that he gave his only son,
so that everyone who believes in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

For God sent not his son to the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

Steal Away (9:45, 11:00)

arr. Howard Helvey

Steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me by the thunder,
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

† Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

† Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn No. 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

† 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**

“Prelude” from *Suite Médiévale*

Jean Langlais

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor
Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship



LAY READERS

Margo Wells (8:30), Linda Farthing (9:45), Joe Brant (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist
Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist
Trinity Martin, Interim Director of Handbells
Myers Park Bells

Women’s Choir (8:30)

Dan Stein, tenor (9:45, 11:00)

Nancy Hamff (9:45, 11:00)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Matthew Buie (8:30), Caitlyn Waters (9:45), Thomas Eubanks (11:00)



ACOLYTES

David Buie and Jack Cole (8:30)

Skylar Neal and Kayman Neal (9:45)

Caroline Peterson and Kate Mattei (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Claire Cole (8:30), Mallie Waters (9:45), Charlie Mattei (11:00)

Welcome to Myers Park United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are thankful you are here worshipping 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.

Ride the Sunday Shuttle, 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 celebration of the wedding of *Jennifer Garlitz and David Nance* and in loving memory of *Howard Thayer Nance, Clara Nell Smith, Genevieve and James Bartlett, and Anna-Mildred and George Garlitz.*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service is *Robert Elijah Skaff*, son of *Sarah and Robert Skaff*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is *Abigail Marie Ball*, daughter of *Meredith and John Ball*.

Easter Lilies, now-April 10: Purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one at www.myersparkumc.org or send a check for \$15 per lily to the church along with the name of the person you are honoring/remembering. Dedications will be shared in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins.

Confirmation Interest Meeting for Parents, today, 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Jubilee Hall: This is for parents and youth who are interested in Confirmation next school year. Students are welcome to attend but are not required.

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

The Martha Circle, April 3, 10:30 a.m., Francis Chapel: Kathy Mansfield will share information about the labyrinth, how it can be used as "another way to pray" and facilitate a short walk.

Wednesday Bible Study, weekly, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Room 108: Dr. Howell will explore *Moments In The Life Of Jesus*. Each week is an independent entity. Come when you can and bring a friend. To make child care reservations, email Lisa Ross-Smit at lrsmit@mpumc.org.

H.O.T. Wednesday, *weekly, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall*: This week's menu: Pepperidge Farms chicken breast, wild rice, green beans, 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.

Wired 4 Ministry, *April 9, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Room 106*: Learn how God "wired" you to make a difference through your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences. Registration and pre-class exercises are required. Email Carol Tate at ctate@mpumc.org for details.

Walk the Labyrinth, *April 14, 2:00 p.m.-April 20, 2:00 p.m., Francis Chapel*: The newly renovated chapel will be open for walking the labyrinth with Stations of the Cross for Holy Week. Come anytime the church is open to walk and pray.

The Children's Circle Preschool Carnival, *April 27, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*: Come support our wonderful preschool. There will be rides, games, and food for the whole family! For details and ways you can volunteer, email Sheri Albright at sherilynnwatson@yahoo.com.

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

Performing Arts Camp, *early registration ends today*: Rising 2nd to 8th graders will perform *100% Chance of Rain*. Camp dates are July 29-August 2. Cost is \$200 through today, then \$225 beginning tomorrow. Register online in Realm. Email Nancy Hamff at nancy@mpumc.org.

Save the Date for Freedom School, *June 17-July 26*: We're excited to bring a Freedom School site to Marie G. Davis Global Leadership Academy. Plan to serve once or multiple times. Email Julie Wentz at jwentz@mpumc.org to learn more.

Welcome Legal Asylum-Seekers, *various Sunday and Monday evenings, 6:40 p.m., Greyhound bus station*: Join us in a ministry of presence and hospitality here in Charlotte. Our team needs donations of items listed at www.myersparkumc.org/bus-station. Email Janie Reynolds at jreynolds12@carolina.rr.com with questions.

April Collection: Items for Asylum-Seekers, now through April 30, Lobby: We are collecting a specific list of needed items to distribute at the Greyhound bus station to families seeking legal asylum. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/bus-station for the list. Drop off donations in the marked bin in the lobby. Email Sarah Gilespie 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 Center for Community Transitions, which helps formerly incarcerated people transition back into the community. 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.

To stay up-to-date on everything happening in the life of our church, visit our website to subscribe to our various weekly e-newsletters.



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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