

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



The Temptations in the Desert, Michael D. O'Brien

A Service of Christian Worship

March 10, 2019

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

First Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

“Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar

† **Call to Worship**

Sisters and brothers, the wilderness calls to us.

Today we begin the journey.

Some call it foolish to go there on purpose.

Some call it foolish to walk the way of the cross.

But children of God, we walk with Jesus!

God is with us, and we will go.

† **Processional Hymn No. 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

† **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

Gracious God,

**you know the difficult paths we tread
and the challenges we face.**

Forgive us when we wander away from your guidance.

**Reclaim us when we seek other gods
that lead to our own destruction.**

**We long to be free of those things that blind us
to your love and your presence.**

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

Words of Assurance

...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† **Hymn of Preparation No. 473**

Lead Me Lord

LEAD ME, LORD

† **Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:1-13

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
Be Still

Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to me
in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am here for you;
and I will wipe your tear; you will be renewed.

Come unto me, my child, be still,
and know that I will give you rest.
I am present in your pain
and I always will remain your comforter and friend.

Peace I leave with you; my peace, I give unto you. Peace.

† **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. 269**

Lord, who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

† **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**

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clèrambault

† 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

Somer Hammack (8:30), Becky Headen (9:45), Albert Dulin (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

Davis Warren (8:30), Alexandra Eliasek (9:45), Andrew Cowan (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Lola White and David Buie (8:30)

Shelby Eliasek and Sadie Scott (9:45)

Darden Cone and Nelson Daniels (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Zack Correll (8:30), Sallie Scott (9:45), Ella Jones (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 honor of *Susan Mobley* in celebration of her 19 years of ministry at MPUMC.

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Eleanor Margaret Boucher*, daughter of *Megan and Michael Boucher*; and *Mary Jo-Anne Hazel Corrado*, daughter of *Robyn and David Corrado*.

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.

Susan Mobley, Parish Nurse Reception: *Today, 12:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall* - Join us for a drop-in celebrating the ministry of Parish Nurse Susan Mobley as she retires after 19 years. Please take this opportunity to thank Susan for the love and care she has shown us, and to wish her well. There will be cookies and lemonade to tide you over until lunch.

Youth Group and Confirmation Tonight 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m., Jubilee Hall: All are invited. Dinner is Hubee D's Food Truck.

Children's Prayer Room, Room 257, Snyder Building: Children of all ages and their families are invited to experience creative prayer together. The space will be available anytime the church is open.

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. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/pamela-grundy for more details.

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: hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings, potato salad, chips, baked beans, 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 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.mpumc-youth.org.

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.

A Conversation with Leighton Ford, *March 25, 6:30 p.m.:* Dr. Howell and Leighton Ford will join in a conversation on Leighton's latest book, *Places of the Heart*. The book is for sale in Goodness Gracious! Cost is \$45 with proceeds going to Leighton Ford Ministries. It will also be available, and he will sign copies, the evening of his visit.

Holy Week Border Experience, *April 14-18, McAllen, TX:* Join our team to serve meals, talk with legal asylum seekers, and learn transformational stories. We will return in time for the Maundy Thursday service. Go to www.myersparkumc.org/border for more details and to register.

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.

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.

High School Senior Sunday Registration: 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.

We Need Vacation Bible School Volunteers: Serve as a classroom leader, teach a special, provide snacks for the hospitality room, decorate the hallways, or join the clean-up crew! No matter your availability, there is an opportunity for you! If you are interested in volunteering, email VBS Planning Team Leader Jennifer Ross at kanejenn@aol.com.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, throughout the year: Funds help support partners such as Charlotte Community Health Clinic, which provides affordable healthcare for those who need it. 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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