

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Palm Sunday, photo by Melissa McGill.

A Service of Christian Worship

April 14, 2019

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

Palm Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Inroit

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me.
For he is King of kings, he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last.
No man works like him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.
The river of Jordan he did cross.

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air.
Oh! He calls the saints from everywhere.

He is the King. He is the Lord.

† **Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:28-40

† **Processional Hymn No. 280 (stanzas 1 & 5)**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST THEODULPH

† **Hymn No. 278**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

† **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

**Holy God, we admit to you that all is not right,
in our hearts and in our world.
We look to the darkness and not to the light.
We look for what is broken, and not at what is being mended.
We look to criticize and not to praise.
We look at ourselves and not to you.
Turn us around so that we look at the possibility,
at hope, at promise, at grace, at healing, at love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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.

Anthem

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty Mark Shepperd
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
Savior meek, pursue thy road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
over captive death and conquered sin.
Bow thy head to mortal pain,
Take, O God, thy power and reign.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 118:1, 19-29

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

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love, so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

† 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. 261

Lord of the Dance

LORD OF THE DANCE

† 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**

Postlude on ST THEODOLPH

arr. Torrans and Smith

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Barbara Barden, Pastor of Lay Involvement

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LAY READERS

Jack Hankins (8:30), Billy Tobias (9:45), John Snyder (11:00)

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MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist
Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Xela Pinkerton

Small Ensemble (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)

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CRUCIFERS

Jack Griffith (8:30), Caitlyn Waters (9:45), James Gourlay (11:00)

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ACOLYTES

Mack Sommerkamp and Ibbly Wilson (8:30)

Andrew O'Brien and Andrew Callahan (9:45)

Turner Curtis and Sarah Davis (11:00)

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BIBLE CARRIERS

Harrison Burge (8:30), Ann Douglas O'Brien (9:45), Ben Long (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. 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 Palms on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of two-year-old *Mitchell Bays Turner*, who died on Palm Sunday in 2014.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary: A service of Holy Communion, remembering the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary: Tenebrae Service, or Service of Darkness, remembering the final moments of Jesus' life and his death.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019: Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m., Francis Chapel. Sanctuary, 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. Church In The Round, 8:45 a.m., Jubilee Hall.

Cambodian Missionary Talk, today, 9:45 a.m., Room 106: Join Jack Hankins and Rev. Samuel Om, Cambodian UMC missionary, as they share their experiences with Cambodian culture, history, ways to be involved, plus a possible mission trip to Cambodia. Registration for talk not required.

Youth Group or Confirmation, tonight: We will start back on April 28.

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet on April 17, as it is Holy Week. The Bible Study will resume with on April 24.

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.

In God's Image, April 15, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Room 110: Our church is offering a support group for those who have been hurt by our denomination's continued discrimination against the LGBTQ community and the recent decision of the

special session of our UMC General Conference. This gathering will offer a safe and sacred space to share feelings, seek discernment, and receive support. Contact Bill Roth at broth@mpumc.org for more information.

Easter Sunday is a Family Worship Day-There is no Sunday School for children or youth. Nursery and worship care for children ages eight-weeks-old through not yet in kindergarten is available for all services except the sunrise service. Please allow extra time to check in and drop off your children. If you have any questions, email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

Middle School Mayhem, *April 26, 6:45 p.m.-10:30 p.m.*: Join us for a Charlotte Knights game. Parents will need to drop off their youth at the stadium and pick them up there after the game. Sarah Yoss will wait for them outside the main entrance. Friends are welcome to attend. Cost is \$20. Register online at www.mpumcyouth.org.

New Members Social, *April 28, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall*: All who wish to get involved in the life of the church are invited to meet the pastors, connect with the church, and find your place here. Online reservations required by April 24. Email Lisa Ross-Smit at lrsmit@mpumc.org to make childcare reservations.

Women's Spring Gathering, *May 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall*: The United Methodist Women (UMW) will host this intergenerational celebration open to all women of the church. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Make your online reservation and payment of \$10 by April 26 at www.myersparkumc.org. Contact Barbara Barden at 704-295-4815 with questions. Email Lisa at lrsmit@mpumc.org to make childcare reservations.

Chancel Choir Tour Concert, *Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary*: Our Chancel Choir will present the music of Rutter, Mozart, Forrest, and others, which they are performing on tour in Scotland later in May. Free event. No tickets required.

Stephen Ministry Awareness, *May 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., main lobby*: Learn Stephen Ministry, meet our lay caregivers, and learn how a Stephen Minister can be a helpful companion during times of grief and difficult life challenges. Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care on a completely confidential basis. For more details contact Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care, 704-295-4835 or broth@mpumc.org.

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 Gillespie at sarahb48@carolina.rr.com with questions.

Make Sandwiches for Urban Ministry, *monthly, third Monday, 9:00 a.m., Jubilee Hall*: Call Martha Abbey at 704-264-6892 for details.

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 Susan Scott at sgsphotography@gmail.com to learn more.

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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