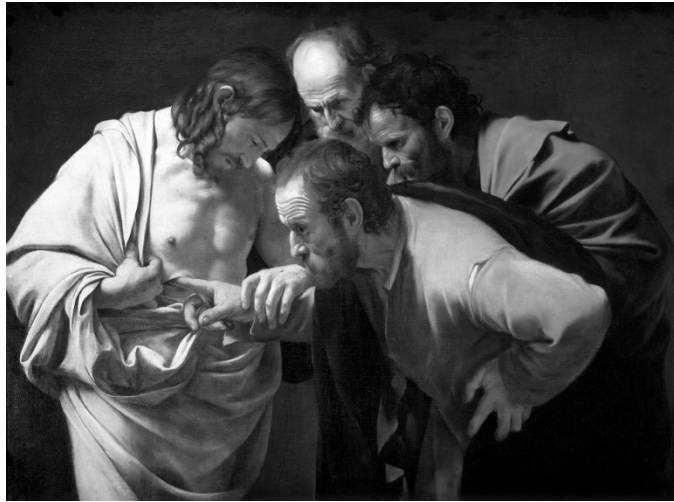


Myers Park  
United Methodist Church



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas, Caravaggio, 1603*

**A Service of Christian Worship**

April 28, 2019

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

**Second Sunday of Easter**

WE GATHER

**Gathering Music**  
Be Still My Soul

arr. Alex Guebert

**Welcome**

*Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Opening Voluntary**  
All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Alex Guebert

† **Processional Hymn No. 327**  
Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

† **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**

**Faithful Christ, we confess to You  
that our faith waivers and falls short.  
We allow doubts and fears to enter our lives  
and control our choices.  
We doubt the goodness of our brothers and sisters.  
We doubt that we can be of any help  
or hope to the world.  
We doubt that forgiveness is available,  
and that we, through Christ, also have the power  
and grace to forgive others.  
Christ, forgive us for our doubts and fears.  
Call us to Your path of faithfulness.  
In Your name we pray. 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 (9:45, 11:00)**

#### **Congregational Response (9:45, 11:00)**

**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise  
Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

STUTTGART

**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 No. 465**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

CANTERBURY

† **Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31

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

Find Us Faithful (8:30)

John Mohr

With A Voice Of Singing (9:45, 11:00)

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

make his praise to be glorious.

† **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

† **Closing Hymn No. 162**

Alleluia, Alleluia

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Reception of New Members

† **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**

“Choral” from *Four Pieces for Organ*

Joseph Jongen

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† Stand as you are able

**WORSHIP LEADERS**



**PREACHER**

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor (8:30)

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship (9:45, 11:00)



**LITURGISTS**

Rev. Barbara Barden, Pastor of Lay Involvement

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



**LAY READERS**

John Clarkson (8:30), Linda Borders (9:45), Mark Murphy (11:00)



**MUSICIANS**

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Trinity Martin, Interim Director of Handbells

Robert Moody, guest conductor

Chamber Ringers

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



**CRUCIFERS**

Matthew Buie (8:30), David Felkner (9:45), Reid Brownlow (11:00)



**ACOLYTES**

Virginia Ogburn and Joanna Ogburn (8:30)

Emerson Smith and Cj Hannum (9:45)  
Gavin Porter and Alex Mccollum (11:00)



### **BIBLE CARRIERS**

Carson Clutter (8:30), Lucy Reynolds (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.

**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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service is *Greyson Luke Gililland*, son of *Jennifer and Ryan Gililland*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Henry Tyler Harris*, son of *Raleigh and Jordan Harris*; *John Augustus Mothershead*, son of *Ashleigh and Ivan Mothershead*; and *Collins Emilia Summey*, daughter of *Cathleen and Jarrod Summey*.

**Welcome, New Members** This morning we welcome new members to the life of Myers Park United Methodist Church: *Darlene Berte, Zach Keiger, Ray & Diane Hilton, Jordan & Kat Berry, Nancy Jacobs, Derek & Jenica Kilburn, Marie Krider, James Lively, Johnny & Karen Smith, Mary Pell Teden, John & Catherine Byrd, Kiele, Chris & Denzel Cox, Emerich & Cate Gutter, John & Marian Moore,* and *Trip & Stephanie Howe* Please take a moment at the end of each service to offer a personal word of “Welcome!”

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sandra Shirley Eubanks* by her family.

**The Flowers in the Chapel Narthex** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Thomas Ralph Sigmon* by his family.

**Love Offering for Megan Argabrite:** A love offering is being collected as a sign of our love and gratitude for Megan. Make your check payable to MPUMC with "Megan Argabrite" in the memo line and mail to Myers Park UMC, 1501 Queens Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207 or drop it off at the church at your convenience.

**Nametag Drive, today, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:** We ask that everyone wear a nametag each Sunday to help visitors and new members get to know us. On Sunday April 28 only, you may order yours for free at the table in the Lobby. Email Uiyeon Kim at [ukim@mpumc.org](mailto:ukim@mpumc.org) with questions.

**Faith Girls' Skate Party, today, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Kate's Skate:** Fifth grade girls who participated in the Faith Girls Bible Study will enjoy their year-end party at Kate's Skate today.

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

**New Members Social, today, 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](mailto:lrsmit@mpumc.org) to make childcare reservations.

**How Has God Wired You to Serve? April 29, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 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. Details: Carol Tate at [ctate@mpumc.org](mailto:ctate@mpumc.org) or go to [www.myersparkumc.org/engage-serve/wired-4-ministry](http://www.myersparkumc.org/engage-serve/wired-4-ministry).

**Martha Circle Luncheon, May 1, 11:30 a.m., Room 104:** The meeting will begin at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon. Please join us for our last meeting before summer break.

**Ruth Circle, May 1, 7:00 p.m.:** The Ruth Circle, a group of women with young children, invites you to join them in a 6-8 week small group Bible Study led by Pastor Uiyeon. For more information, please email Holly Wilson at [mpumcruthcircle@gmail.com](mailto:mpumcruthcircle@gmail.com).

**Women's Spring Gathering, May 2, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall:** The United Methodist Women (UMW) will host this intergenerational celebration open to all women of the church. A salad bar and desserts will be served. Make your online reservation and payment of \$10 at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org). Contact Barbara Barden at 704-295-4815 with questions. Email Lisa at [lrsmit@mpumc.org](mailto: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, Forrester, and others, which they are performing on tour in Scotland later in May. Free event. No tickets required. Contact Nancy Hamff at [nancy@mpumc.org](mailto:nancy@mpumc.org) for details.

**Youth and Frankie's Fun Park, May 5, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.:** Join us for our last youth group of the school year. We will meet at the church and have pizza first and then ride there together. Cost is \$20. You can bring extra money if you want to do other attractions. Register by May 1 at [www.mpumcyouth.org](http://www.mpumcyouth.org).

**All Families are Invited to Project Agape, May 5, 11:00 a.m., Basement:** Come enjoy a pizza lunch and work to assemble Agape Kits containing comfort items, which you can take with you to give to those in need. To RSVP, email the names of the adults and the names and ages of the children in your family to Heidi at [heidi@mpumc.org](mailto:heidi@mpumc.org) by May 1. Visit our website for the list of needed supplies and the link to purchase them.

**Greeting the Sojourner, May 6, 7:00 p.m., Room 107/108:** Come to learn about our work with those seeking legal asylum, both at the border and here in Charlotte. We'll share what it's like to serve, as well as the theological perspective of why we're there. To learn more, email Nathan Arledge at [nathan@mpumc.org](mailto:nathan@mpumc.org).

**Stephen Ministry Awareness, May 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Lobby:** Learn about our congregation's 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. Contact Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care, 704-295-4835 or [broth@mpumc.org](mailto:broth@mpumc.org).

**Caregivers Support Group, May 21, 11:30 a.m., Room 105:** Share the challenges and rewards of the experience. Contact Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at 704-295-4836 or [lsmith@mpumc.org](mailto:lsmith@mpumc.org).

**Welcome Legal Asylum-Seekers, various Sundays and Mondays, 6:40 p.m., Greyhound bus station:** Join us in a ministry of presence and hospitality here in Charlotte. Email Janie Reynolds at [jreynolds12@carolina.rr.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mjones@mpumc.org) to sign up or learn more.

**Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund**, *throughout the year*: Funds help support partners such as Men's Shelter of Charlotte, which provides safe shelter to men experiencing homelessness. 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](http://www.myersparkumc.org/give). If you need help getting set up, contact Barbara Barden at [bbarden@mpumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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