

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



“The Primacy of Peter,” Sea of Galilee

## A Service of Christian Worship

May 5, 2019

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

## Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

### Gathering Music

“Meditation” from *Thaïs*

Jules Massenet

### Welcome

*Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.*

### Passing of the Peace

### Chiming of the Holy Trinity

**Opening Voluntary**  
Prelude on GORDON

arr. Cathy DeRousse

† **Call to Worship**

People of God, shout the good news!  
**Christ is Alive! Christ calls us! Praise be to God!**  
Come, let us sing our songs of joy to the Lord!  
**We will tell of God's power and victorious love!**  
Let our voices be heard everywhere!  
**Let our songs of praise never end!**

† **Processional Hymn No. 400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

† **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**

**God of steadfast lovingkindness,**  
**You call us to love you**  
**with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength.**  
**You call us to feed your sheep and tend your lambs.**  
**Yet we prefer to do so on our own terms, on our own schedule.**  
**How often our love is self-serving rather than self-sacrificing,**  
**an act of convenience rather than commitment.**  
**We have much to confess; forgive us, we pray.**  
**Show us the better way, and make us bold to respond.**  
**In Christ's 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.**

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

### † Hymn of Preparation No. 172 (stanza 1)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

### † Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

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

Inscription of Hope (8:30)

Z. Randall Stroope

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining,  
and I believe in love even when there's no one there.  
And I believe in God even when He is silent,  
I believe through any trial there is always a way.

But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair,  
my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.  
But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child,  
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope,  
just stay a little while.

Arise, My Soul, Arise (9:45, 11:00)

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:  
the bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
before the throne my surety stands.  
My name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary,  
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,  
“nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled, his pardoning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and “Father, Abba, Father” cry

† **Doxology**

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. 593**

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM LORD

† **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**

“Menuet” from *Suite Gothique* Op. 25

Leon Boëllman

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**



### **PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



### **LITURGISTS**

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement

Jason Rhymer, High School Youth Associate

Reegan Kaberia, Chief Program Officer, Zoe Empowers



### **LAY READERS**

Matthew Buie (8:30), Olivia Vaughn (9:45), Katherine Hart (11:00)



### **MUSICIANS**

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Matthew Buie, organ

Ellie Dixon, violin

Corine Brouwer, violin

Youth Choir (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



### **CRUCIFERS**

Sarah Holshouser (8:30), Boone Foster (9:45), Katie Hall (11:00)



### **ACOLYTES**

Virginia Ogburn and Dean Lowery (8:30)

Ibby Wilson and Lawson Surles (9:45)

Darden Cone and Nelson Daniels (11:00)



### **BIBLE CARRIERS**

Clara Lowery (8:30), Carson Clutter (9:45), Harrison Burge (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.

**The flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Mike Cornick* by *Charlotte, Tiz, Alex, Charlie, Henry, Ellie, Chris and Miller*.

**The flowers in the Chapel Narthex** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of *Holland Haag and Drayton Mixson* who were married yesterday at the church.

**Senior Sunday Recognition:** This morning at all four services, we celebrate Senior Recognition Sunday, when we pledge our love and continuing support to our graduating high school seniors while wrapping them in a special blanket. Enjoy the special insert in this morning's worship bulletin, lifting up our wonderful young people.

**Today we welcome Reegan Kaberia**, Chief Program Officer and Kenya Country Manager for ZOE. Before joining ZOE, Reegan served both local and international child-centered community development organizations. In March 2007, he joined the staff of ZOE, opening and growing the empowerment program initiative in partnership with Maua Methodist Hospital. While in Kenya we receive Reegan's generous heart and hospitality as he welcomes and guides us to be present with those involved with ZOE's ministry.

**Discover Myers Park, Today, 10:45 a.m., Francis Chapel:** Our Discover Myers Park class is designed to welcome you and help get you connected as we share a snapshot of our history and ministries. Details: Rev. Uiyeon Kim at 704-295-4840 or UKim@mpumc.org.

**Forward End-of Year Bowling Party, Today, 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Park 10 Lanes:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Forward participants will enjoy an end-of-year bowling party today.

**Chancel Choir Tour Concert, Today, 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.

**Last Youth Group Frankie's Fun Park, Today, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.:** Join us for our last youth group of the school year and go to Frankie's Fun Park. We will meet at the church and have pizza first and then ride together. Cost is \$20 and you must register by noon today at [www.mpumcyouth.org](http://www.mpumcyouth.org).

**Greeting the Sojourner, May 6, 7:00 p.m., Room 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).

**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](mailto:lrsmit@mpumc.org).

**Last Day to Register for Camp Tekoa Weekend**, *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. Deadline to sign up is this Friday, May 10. Register at [www.myersparkumc.org/children](http://www.myersparkumc.org/children). For details, email Amy Harriman at [aharriman@mpumc.org](mailto:aharriman@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).

**In God's Image**, *May 14, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Room 106*: Our church is offering a gathering space for those who have been hurt by the General Conference's adoption of the Traditionalist plan regarding same gender marriage and ordination. This group will offer a safe and sacred space to share feelings, seek discernment, and receive support. Contact Bill Roth at [broth@mpumc.org](mailto:broth@mpumc.org).

**May Collection: Stationery Items for Changed Choices**, *now through May 31, Lobby*: We are collecting stamps, simple greeting cards, notecards, and pens for Changed Choices to help incarcerated women maintain close connections to their families. Contact Cindylu Brubaker for more info at [cindylubruber@twc.com](mailto:cindylubruber@twc.com). Please place all donations in the wooden bins in the Lobby.

**Sort Donations at Loaves & Fishes**, *monthly, second Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Loaves & Fishes warehouse*: We meet monthly at the Loaves & Fishes warehouse, 648 Griffith Road, to sort donated food. Email Laura Weller at [lauraoweller@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraoweller@yahoo.com) with questions.

**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, located near our sibling South Tryon Community UMC. Plan to serve once or multiple times. Email Susan Scott at [sgsphotography@gmail.com](mailto:sgsphotography@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund**, *throughout the year*: Funds help support partners such as Changed Choices, which provides transitional services to women who are currently or recently incarcerated. Give to Jubilee Plus! year-round online or write a check to the church with Jubilee Plus! in the memo line.

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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