

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Blessing III, John Holyfield, www.johnholyfield.com

A Service of Christian Worship

May 12, 2019

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Introit

O Sing Out, Be Joyful! (8:30)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

O sing out, be joyful, O sing we forever!
Alleluia, sing for joy, allelu, raise your voice!
Alleluia sing!

Locus Iste (9:45, 11:00)

Philip W. J. Stopford

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place is the work of God,
an unpredictable mystery,
it is irreproachable.

† **Call to Worship**

Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us:

The Shepherd calls us to follow him.

Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us,

Come, drink from springs of living water;

He has set a table for us in this place -

Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here!

† **Processional Hymn No. 92 (stanzas 1 - 5)**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

† **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

Gentle Shepherd,

How often we fail to follow you,

instead turning to our own ways,

listening to our own voices,

seeking to satisfy our own needs.

Forgive us

and draw us together from paths of aimless wandering.

Cause us to be the community you intend,

guide us beyond ourselves to life in your kingdom, which is at hand.

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

The Psalter

Psalm 23



The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want. The Lord's my shep-herd.

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.

Offertory

Children's Prayer (8:30)

arr. Robert Leaf

Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.
Thy word shall our hearts and our voices obey.
Through darkness and danger abide on our way.
Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.

So softly, so gently, the dawn of the day,
with beauty surrounds us while lighting our way.
Oh Father, direct us in work and in play.
In all our endeavor be faithful we pray.

We welcome thy Spirit within us to dwell,
thy glory and honor our voices will tell.
We thank thee, we praise thee, thy word we obey.
Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (9:45, 11:00)

Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

† **Doxology**

**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 COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

† **Hymn No. 617 (stanzas 1 & 2)**

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,**

† **The Great Thanksgiving p. 17-18**

† **The Lord's Prayer No. 8**

Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion

Gluten-free wafers are available at the Communion rail.

Communion Music

Gentle Voice (8:30)

Lee Dengler

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.

"Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to me.

I will give you rest.

Bring your fear and bring your pain.

Bring your anger, and bring your worry."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto me"?

Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding.

“You are my beloved child. Come to me. I will give you rest.
Bring your fear and bring your pain.
Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrow.”
Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, “Come unto me”?

Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words so rich in mercy.
“You are my beloved child. Come to me. I will give you rest.”

Be Thou My Vision (9:45, 11:00)

Samuel Procter

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† **Closing Hymn No. 98**
To God Be the Glory

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† **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**
Exsultate

Daniel Gawthrop

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care



LAY READERS

Rose Spinks (8:30), Bob Truscello (9:45), Bonnie Gunter (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist
Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist
Corine Brouwer, violin
Nancy C. Hamff, flute
Women's Choir (8:30)
Junior and Alleluia Choirs (8:30)
Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Hayden Plyler (8:30), David Felkner (9:45), Reid Brownlow (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Charlie McLaurin and Jim Johnson (8:30)
Catherine Felkner and Tucker Mullinix (9:45)
Jane Brownlow and Mac Brownlow (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Zach Plyler (8:30), Will Ricketts (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.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of *Mrs. Alfreta Crisman Snyder* and in honor of the *mothers of the congregation* on Mother's Day, by *Laura and George C. Snyder, Jr.*

Goodness Gracious Gift Shop: Join us for cookies in the gift shop to celebrate Mother's Day and remember that all purchases made at Goodness Gracious help to support missions.

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 at 704-295-4835 or 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.

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.

Confirmation Sunday, May 19, Sanctuary: Join us as we celebrate the confirmation of 64 eighth graders. Rehearsal for parents and youth confirmands is May 18 from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Nametag Pickup, May 19, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Lobby: Those who ordered nametags during our nametag drive on Sunday, April 28, may pick them up at the reception desk in the Lobby. Contact Rev. Uiyeon Kim at ukim@mpumc.org if you have any questions.

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.

Test Proctors Needed, May 23-June 1, Sedgfield Middle School: Our partner school needs more than 50 proctors to complete their End of Grade testing. Training is easy and provided. We just need you to give a day! To sign up or learn more, go to www.myersparkumc.org/test-proctor.

Last Day of Children's Sunday School, June 2: Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, August 25.

Wired 4 Ministry Classes, *June 11, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and June 24, 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. For details, contact Carol Tate at ctate@mpumc.org or go to www.myersparkumc.org/engage-serve/wired-4-ministry.

Early Bird Sunday School Registration: We’re already preparing for the 2019-2020 Sunday School year and we want you to do the same. Children born on or before August 31, 2017 through children completing 4th grade in the 2018-19 school year are invited to register early for Sunday School. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/children. Questions? Email Heidi Giffin at heidi@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 women maintain close connections to their families. Contact Cindy Lu Brubaker for more info at cindylubruber@twc.com.

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

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, *throughout the year*: Funds help support partners such as Urban Ministry Center, which provides support services while working to end chronic homelessness. 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.

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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