

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



*The Jailer, Paul, Silas, and the Jailer's Family*  
Bronze doors, Trinity Church, New York, NY

## **A Service of Christian Worship**

**June 2, 2019**

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

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome**

*Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

## Introit

Singer's Prayer

Michael Cox

Created by your loving hand, I joyfully before you stand  
to give to you my voice clear and sweet.  
I lay my heart before you, down at your feet.

Lord, touch my heart that I may be forevermore restored,  
alive in Thee, to offer you my daily praise,  
O Great Musician, Great Composer, God our Father,  
Great Redeemer full of grace.

Now blend my song with others' songs  
in harmonies both bold and strong,  
let us sing of victories won til song and singer become one.  
Our collective songs will loudly ring,  
and all the earth shall join to sing  
a song of praise to you, our Lord.

We offer you our daily praise, O Great Musician,  
Great Composer, God our Father, Lord and Savior,  
Great Redeemer full of grace. Amen.

## † Call to Worship

The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints!  
**We are gathered in that grace to worship God!**  
We bring our prayers and praise to God most high:  
**We lift our voices in hymns of celebration.**  
Rejoice in God and give thanks to his holy name:  
**Let all heaven and earth behold his glory!**

## † Processional Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

## † 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**

**Merciful God, hear our confession this day:  
We regret the hurt we have caused others  
by our words, actions, and neglect.  
We mourn the ways in which we have injured  
members of your household of faith,  
while excluding others who differ from us.  
We live by our own wisdom and strength  
rather than trusting and following you.  
In your great mercy, forgive us.  
Fill us with the fullness of your grace  
and the power to live as you intend. 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.**

**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.**

STUTTGART

## **WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **Hymn of Preparation**

**Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.  
Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,**

MARION

**The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**The New Testament Reading** Accts 16:9-34 (selected verses)  
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**

Steal Away

arr. Howard Helvey

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me by the thunder,

the trumpet sounds within-a my soul,

I ain't got long to stay here.

† **Doxology**

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**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. 68**

When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

**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**

Tocatta on “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Al Travis

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**† Stand as you are able**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**



**PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



**LITURGISTS**

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



**LAY READERS**

Somer Hammack (8:30), (9:45), Matt Daniels (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**

Jack Griffith (8:30), Martin Godwin (9:45), Andrew Wilks (11:00)



**ACOLYTES**

Micah Wilson and Finley Holzman (8:30)

Deems May and Andrew O’Brien (9:45)

Gavin Porter and Reid Weikel (11:00)



**BIBLE CARRIERS**

Arden Holzman (8:30)

Ann Douglas O’Brien (9:45)

Aubrey Weikel (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 celebration of the wedding of *Laura Baker and Michael Wong* which took place in our sanctuary yesterday.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Robert Beck Brunotte*, son of *Emily and Nick Brunotte*; *Hannah Cecilia Dellibovi*, daughter of *Julie and Rob Dellibovi*; *Brayden Joseph Kelly*, son of *Alexa and Brian Kelly*; and *Adeline Gwyn Londry*, daughter of *Catherine and Jared Londry*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Henry Michael Federal*, son of *Tiz and Alex Federal*; *Lachlan Kyle Gunn*, son of *Karolina and Kyle Gunn*; *Olivia Grace Pfeffer*, daughter of *Sarah Beth and Jeff Pfeffer*; and *Benjamin Adam Price*, son of *Katie and Adam Price*.

**Welcome, New Members** This morning we welcome new members to the life of Myers Park United Methodist Church: *Nick and Emily Brunotte*, *Mike and Shadie Copeland*, *Andy and Jennifer George*, *Sidney Kinsella*, *Carson and Mark Paschal*, *Carrie Ellen Ingersoll*, *Don and Vickie Payne*, *Laura Bryan*, *Valerie Lemonds*, and *Julie Lemonds-Bouche*. Please take a moment at the end of each service to offer a personal word of "Welcome!"

**Thank You, Seniors:** We offer our deepest thanks and appreciation to the seniors graduating from high school who faithfully served as Bible carriers, acolytes and crucifers during Sanctuary services over the years: *Matthew Buie*, *Kent Carroll*, *Thomas Eubanks*, *Cameron Fletcher*, *Lauren Fletcher*, *Porter Kennedy*, *Trent Mulligan*, *Caitlyn Waters*, *Bennett Wilks*, and *Jackson Willis*.

**Youth Mission Trip Commissioning**, today, 8:45 a.m., *Jubilee Hall*: We are commissioning 92 youth and adult chaperones as they prepare to head out for summer mission trips to Chicago, Kenya, Mountain Top Tennessee and Mexico. A team meeting for Mexico and Mountain Top is at 11:00 a.m. in the youth building.

**In God's Image, June 11, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Room 105:** 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).

**Sign Up Now 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. Visit [www.myersparkumc.org/freedom-school](http://www.myersparkumc.org/freedom-school) or email Susan Scott at [sgsphotography@gmail.com](mailto:sgsphotography@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Wednesday Bible Study, room 107:** Dr. Howell's regularly scheduled Bible Study will resume meeting on July 17. In the meantime, Dr. Howell will be offering two opportunities for continued study and conversation on Wednesday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.: The Lord's Prayer and Tuesday, June 25, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.: The Apostles' Creed. Join us!

**Reception for Rev. Barbara Barden, Sunday, June 30, 12:00 p.m.:** We invite you to join us as we celebrate the ministry and friendship of Rev. Barbara Barden. Come and share a kind word and embrace of thanks for all she has meant to the life of our church family. A love offering is also being taken. Please make your check out to the church with *Love Offering* in the memo line.

**Welcome Legal Asylum Seekers, Sunday and Monday evenings, 6:40 p.m., Greyhound bus station:** Join us in a ministry of presence and hospitality here in Charlotte. Contact Janie Reynolds to find out how you can help at [jreynolds12@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jreynolds12@carolina.rr.com).

**Make Snack Bags:** We need 100 snack bags per week to distribute to children of legal asylum seekers, who are welcomed by members of our Greyhound Bus Station Ministry. Details about what to include are in the SignUp Genius on our website: [www.myersparkumc.org/children](http://www.myersparkumc.org/children). Questions? Email Heidi Giffin at [heidi@mpumc.org](mailto:heidi@mpumc.org).

**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 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2018-19 school year are invited to register early for Sunday School. Register at [www.myersparkumc.org/children](http://www.myersparkumc.org/children). Questions? Email Heidi Giffin at [heidi@mpumc.org](mailto:heidi@mpumc.org).

**Father Gregory Boyle of Homeboy Industries, Monday, August 5, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church Sanctuary:** Save the date to join us as we welcome Father Gregory Boyle to Charlotte! Homeboy Industries is the largest and most successful gang intervention, rehab, and re-entry program in the world and has become a model for other organizations and cities.

**Fall Bible Retreat Registration, open now through September 15:** Rev. Nancy Watson will present ENOUGH – the Economy of God on October 23-25 at Lake Junaluska. All details and online registration can be found at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org). Email [bbarden@mpumc.org](mailto:bbarden@mpumc.org) with questions.

**June Collection: Charlotte Rescue Mission, now through June 30, Lobby:** We are collecting casual shorts, short-sleeved shirts, and deodorant for men in the Rebound substance-abuse recovery program at Charlotte Rescue Mission. Contact Kathryn Melton for more information at [kathryn.r.melton@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.r.melton@gmail.com).

**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 Charlotte Rescue Mission, which provides free 120-day residential substance abuse recovery programs for men (Rebound) and women (Dove's Nest). 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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