

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Favorite Hike, Laurie Richardson

A Service of Christian Worship

June 30, 2019

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Jason Payne

† Call to Worship

Call to mind the mighty acts of God:

He has revealed his wonders in our lives.

The Lord has brought us up from fear to hope.

Let us worship and praise God for all his faithfulness.

† Processional Hymn No. 73

O Worship the King

LYONS

† 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

O God, we are so self-centered

we cannot be centered selves.

We are consumed with trivial matters

and fail to attend to deeper matters of the heart.

We devour and consume

when you call us to build relationships

and delight in your love.

Forgive us and set us free from the sin that binds us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Litany of Sending (8:30)

Congregational Response (8:30)

We thank God for you,

for your call to ministry,

and for the faithful, constant ways you have answered,

for nineteen blessed years,

you have walked with us in ministry.

You have enabled and empowered us to be ministers ourselves.

**You have brought us much joy,
and embodied for us the way to Christ.
We will pray for you,
as you move into the next chapter of your life with Christ.
You always have a home here with us.
We love you.**

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 of Preparation No. 500 (stanza 1)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love, that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

† 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. 437

This Is My Song

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Congregational Response (9:45, 11:00)

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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**

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

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LAY READERS

Jan Nomina (8:30), Billy Tobias (9:45), Gentry Caudill (11:00)

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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)

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Felicia Reed

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CRUCIFERS

Anne Riley (8:30), Claire Grimes (9:45), Nancy Hamff (11:00)

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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.

Our Summer Theme is Worship Matters. We hope to see you in worship often and encourage you to find a place to worship when you travel because Worship Matters.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of *Ashley Wannamaker and Brandon Jordi*, which took place in our sanctuary yesterday.

Flowers for the Altar: If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, email Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org. Available dates: July 7, 14, 28, and August 11.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Riley James Baucom*, daughter of *Carly and Ryan Baucom*; and *Caroline Claude Wilson*, daughter of *Heather and Rob Wilson*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Charlotte Hope Nadeau*, daughter of *Kerry and Jason Nadeau*; and *Avery Lineberry Plyler*, daughter of *Anna and John Robert Plyler*.

Reception for Rev. Barbara Barden, Today, 12:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall: Join us as we celebrate the ministry and friendship of Rev. Barbara Barden. Come and share a kind word and embrace of thanks as she begins her retirement. A love offering is also being taken. Please make your check out to the church with Love Offering in the memo line.

D.E.A.R. Readers Needed for Freedom School, now-July 26: Freedom School is under way at Marie G. Davis Global Leadership Academy, located near South Tryon Community UMC. Plan to serve once or multiple times. We especially need D.E.A.R. readers. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/freedom-school or email Susan Scott at sgsphotography@gmail.com to learn more.

Church Closed July 4th and 5th, Our church will be closed Thursday and Friday for Fourth of July. Those needing help that day can call 704-375-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

Summer Choir, *Sundays, July 7-28, 11:00 a.m. services, Sanctuary*: Sing in worship with the choir. Open to rising 6th graders and up. No experience required. Just show up at the choir room on any Sunday in July at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and learn an anthem to sing in 11:00 a.m. worship. For more information, contact Nancy Hamff at nancy@mpumc.org.

Young Adult Social, *July 7, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Dr. Howell's home*: James and Lisa invite the young adults for a drop-in to meet and greet each other as well as our two new clergy, Jessica Dayson and Taylor Pryde Barefoot. Food and drinks will be provided. Although we love children and hope to see them at other church events, we are not set up for them at this gathering. RSVP and note the address at bit.ly/youngadultsocial.

Performing Arts Camp, *registration now through July 14*: Rising 2nd to 8th graders will perform *100% Chance of Rain*. Camp dates are July 29-August 2, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost: \$225. Financial support available. Register online in Realm. Questions? Nancy Hamff at nancy@mpumc.org.

Popsicles on the Playground, *Sunday, July 14, 10:45 a.m., playground*: Children's Ministries invites everyone to come enjoy fellowship and a cold, sweet treat on the playground before or after worship.

Book Study - *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong*, *July 16, 23, and 30, 6:30 p.m., SouthPark Mall Food Court*: We will explore the author Karen Gonzalez's journey and immigration journeys throughout the Bible, and the work of the local and federal government as it relates to addressing immigration. Questions or ready to sign up? Reach Missions Intern Deirdre Austin at daustin@mpumc.org.

Father Gregory Boyle of Homeboy Industries, *Monday, August 5, 6:30pm, First United Methodist Church Sanctuary*: Save the date to join us at First UMC in Uptown 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.

Border Experience, *August 10-14, McAllen, TX*: Join our team to serve meals, talk with legal asylum-seekers, and learn transformational stories. Go to www.myersparkumc.org/border for more details and to register.

Organ Concerto Concert, *Sunday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary*: Jimmy Jones and Evan Currie will perform the organ concertos of Howard Hanson and Josef Rheinberger with chamber orchestra. Free event. No tickets required.

Fall Bible Retreat, Register by September 15, Lake Junaluska: On October 23-25, Rev. Nancy Watson will present ENOUGH – the Economy of God. All details and online registration can be found at www.myersparkumc.org. Email cmull@mpumc.org with questions.

Summer Worship Greeters: We invite your family to be a part of summer worship by greeting members and visitors and passing out bulletins before worship. Questions? Email Leslie Lowery at LLowery@mpumc.org. Sign up at www.myersparkumc.org/children.

Welcome Legal Asylum-Seekers, various Sunday and Monday evenings, 6:40 p.m., Greyhound bus station: Join us in a ministry of presence and hospitality here in Charlotte. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/bus-station to sign up, or email Janie Reynolds at jreynolds12@carolina.rr.com with questions.

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. Questions? Email Heidi Giffin at heidi@mpumc.org.

Sort Donations at Loaves & Fishes, monthly, second Wednesday, 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 with questions.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, throughout the year: Funds help support partners such as Loaves & Fishes, the biggest food pantry in Charlotte. 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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