

Myers Park United Methodist Church



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A Service of Christian Worship

August 4, 2019

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

Eighth 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

Lord, Here Am I

Arr. Humber and Carnes

† **Call to Worship**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's love and warm embrace last forever.

May our hearts be filled with God's blessings,
divine provisions that meet our true needs.

Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.

God leads us to new life in Christ.

† **Processional Hymn No. 89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

† **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

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires

we have forsaken fellowship with one another,

and we have neglected our communion with you.

We have chosen worldly pleasures and desires

over truth, justice, and righteousness.

We have hoarded our earthly blessings,

rather than storing up our heavenly treasures.

Forgive us and free us from such bondage,

that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. 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. 399 (stanza 1)

Take My Life and Let It Be

MESSIAH

The Epistle

Colossians 3:1-11

† **Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:13-21

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tome Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space.

O what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
and have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
and so would we. Alleluia.

† **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. 610**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

† **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.

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till all the world adore His sacred name.**

† **Closing Voluntary**

Toccata Brevis

Daniel E. Gawthrop

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor for Young Adult Ministry and Lay Involvement

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

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LAY READERS

Carol Green (8:30), Cameron Caudle (9:45), Don Marple (11:00)

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MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

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 (9:45), Tori Raymond (11:00)

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CRUCIFERS

Julie Wentz (8:30), Nancy Hamff (9:45), Elizabeth Beasley (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.

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 our family by *Barbara and Tom Henson.*

The Flowers in the Chapel Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Ann Chaplin McNinch* by her family.

Crucifers Needed, now-August 18, Sanctuary: While the youth are on break for the summer, we are looking for people to carry the cross for our processional. Training provided. Email Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org.

Lemonade On The Lawn, Sundays through August 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Queens Road lawn: Join us for lemonade, cookies, and fellowship. Each week will be hosted by a different ministry at our church.

Father Gregory Boyle of Homeboy Industries, Tomorrow, 6:30 p.m., First UMC Sanctuary: Join us at First UMC in Uptown as we welcome Father Gregory Boyle to Charlotte. Homeboy Industries is the most successful gang intervention, rehab, and re-entry program in the world. This is a free event.

Young Adult Gathering, Tomorrow, 8:00 p.m., Pizzeria Sapienza: Join us for a time to reflect and socialize following the Father Gregory Boyle event at First UMC. Questions: Jessica Dayson at jdayson@mpumc.org.

Pastors' Wednesday Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., room 108: 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.

Deep South Pilgrimage, register now-August 7: Join us October 23-26 as we journey with a diverse group of Methodist churches following the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. Register at myersparkumc.org/deep-south

Meet the New Pastor of Young Adults, every Thursday in August, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Undercurrent Coffee in Plaza Midwood: Drop by, grab a coffee and say hello to Rev. Jessica Dayson.

ZOE 2020 Trip Information Meeting, August 11, 10:00 a.m., Jubilee Hall: Learn about our ZOE mission trips traveling to Kenya and Malawi, a new offering. No RSVP required. Questions: Contact Brandon Lowery at bdlowery@gmail.com.

Labyrinth, Monday-Thursday, August 12-18, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 18, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in Francis Chapel: August focus is Waiting – come find peace while you wait on God’s timing. All days and times are subject to change, please call 704-376-8584 to verify.

Rising 9th Grade Lock-In/Lock-Out, August 16, 6:00 p.m.-August 17, 9:00 a.m.: This is a great way to start off your High School Youth adventure. Register online at www.mpumcyouth.org. Cost: \$40.

Charlotte Pride, August 17-18, Uptown Charlotte: As we try to be present to and with all people in our city, we will take part in this year’s Charlotte Pride Festival along with many other churches and businesses. Join us as we share the gift of hospitality and serve communion to demonstrate beyond our walls that “Hope is Here.” To learn more and sign up; visit www.myersparkumc.org/pride.

Rising 6th Grade Charlotte Urban Plunge Mission, August 17, 8:00 a.m.-August 18, 11:00 a.m.: Ready to plunge into youth group missions and make a difference in our community? Register at www.mpumcyouth.org. Cost: \$40.

Youth Flamingo Banquet, register now-August 11: Join us August 18 for a family kickoff to the new school year. Wear pink or your most colorful summer outfit! Register online at www.mpumcyouth.org.

Transition Sunday, August 18: Rising 6th graders will be recognized in the 8:45 Church in the Round service and rising kindergarteners will be recognized in the 11:00 service in the sanctuary. Questions: Email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org

Fall Small Groups, register now-September 2: Watch here and at www.myersparkumc.org for details and the opportunity to sign up for small groups beginning the week of Labor Day, September 2.

Marriage Matters Workshop, August 24, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., room 108: If you want to learn the latest research on what makes marriage work or need to meet the premarital counseling requirements for persons getting married at MPUMC, this seminar is for you. Register on Realm.

High School Back-To-School Bash, August 24, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Foxcroft East Pool: Kick off the year with slides, Hubee D's food truck, volleyball, and everybody's favorite - Marco Polo. Grab a friend and start spreading the word.

Kick-Off Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 25, 9:45 a.m.: Children’s Sunday School resumes after a summer break. Elementary children should bring their backpacks to Sunday School for the Blessing of the Backpacks service in Jubilee Hall. Email Amy Harriman with questions at aharriman@mpumc.org.

Middle School Back-To-School Bash *August 25, 2019, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Church parking lot:* Kick off the year with inflatables, water games, funnel cakes, Italian ice, a climbing tower, a slip 'n slide, a gaga ball pit, and the wheel of swag. Grab a friend and prepare to have fun and get wet!

Register for Forward, *now through October 6:* Forward, a ministry designed to help fourth- and fifth-graders grow spiritually as they journey toward middle school, meets the first Sunday of each month October-April, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in room 240. Details: Director of Children's Ministries Amy Harriman at 704-295-4814 or aharriman@mpumc.org.

Register for Faith Girls and God's Guys, *now-September 22:* Fifth-grade girls and boys are invited to the fall sessions of Faith Girls and God's Guys, weekly Bible studies meeting Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. September 22-November 24 (except when Forward meets). Director of Children's Ministries Amy Harriman will facilitate Faith Girls and Kenan Gay will facilitate God's Guys. Register online. Details: Email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

Register for Children's and Youth Music Ensembles, *now-August 25:* Sign up your rising kindergarteners through 12th graders for choral and handbell ensembles on Realm. Rehearsals will begin in September. Questions: Trinity Martin at tmartin@mpumc.org.

August Collection: Food for Marie G. Davis Families, *now-August 31, Lobby:* This year we're providing 400 bags of food weekly to be distributed at our partner school! Bring mac & cheese, cheese crackers, fruit cups, Nutrigrain bars, and oatmeal packets throughout August. *Please no nuts.* Questions? Reach Carol Burgess at cburgess4444@carolina.rr.com.

Puerto Rico Mission, Register now to join our team traveling to Bayamon, PR October 5-12. We will focus on strengthening relationships, participating in construction work and a feeding ministry. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/Puerto-Rico.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, *throughout the year:* Funds help support partners such as Center for Community Transitions, which provides re-entry services to those who have recently been 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 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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