

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Starry Nite, Liam Broughton

A Service of Christian Worship

August 11, 2019

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

Ninth 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Dan Miller

† Call to Worship

Gather before God, people of the Covenant!

God has called us to this place.

Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones!

God will speak to us here.

Come to honor God with praise and thanksgiving!

Our soul waits for the Lord, for he is our help and shield.

† **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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values
and have ignored your law.**

We turn from trust in you and rely on our own strength.

We neglect your mission and pursue our own interests.

Forgive us, transform us, and lead us into a faith-driven life. 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 (11:00)

Congregational Response (11:00)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

**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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Preparation No. 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

† Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Silent Meditation

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

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people, he is our God in all the earth.

He is the word, we are his hands, he will lead us.

He is the air, we are his song,
we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.

He is the air, we are his song,
we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

† **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. 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† **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**

Fantasia on WEBB

Franklin Ritter

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Pastor for Emerging Ministries (8:30, 9:45)
Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor for Young Adults and Lay Involvement (11:00)



LITURGISTS

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READERS

Ginny Tewey (8:30), Linda Borders (9:45), Dennis Soter (11:00)



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)



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Leah Andrews (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

David Buie (8:30), Claire Grimes (9:45), Sally Underwood (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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Mark Timmins Gutter, Wallace Rowe Gutter, and Emery Ruth Gutter*, children of *Cate and Emerich Gutter*; and *Andrew Rand Hummel*, son of *Melissa and Michael Hummel*.

Lemonade on the Lawn, Today, 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.

ZOE 2020 Trip Information Meeting, Today, 10:00 a.m., Jubilee Hall: Learn about our ZOE mission trips traveling to Kenya and Malawi, a new offering. No RSVP required.

Last Day to Register for Youth Flamingo Banquet, today: 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.

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 15*: 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, *Thursdays in August, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Undercurrent Coffee, Plaza Midwood*: Drop by, grab a coffee, and say hello to Rev. Jessica Dayson.

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. All days and times are subject to change; please call 704-376-8584 to verify.

Young Adults Social, *Thursday, August 15, 7:00 p.m., Wooden Robot in NoDa*: Meet and greet other Young Adults from MPUMC. Questions: Rev. Jessica Dayson at jdayson@mpumc.org.

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 seek 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.

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 9*: Go to www.myersparkumc.org for details and the opportunity to sign up for small groups beginning the week of September 9.

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.

Youth Back-To-School Bashes: High School is August 24, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Foxcroft East Pool. Middle School is August 25, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Church parking lot.

Back-to-School Kickoff Benefiting Marie G. Davis, *August 24, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Lenny Boy Brewing Co.*: Join us for refreshments and live music at this family-friendly event benefiting our newest school partner. Please bring pencils, new socks, new underwear, navy sweatshirts, and school uniform items to stock the school's closet.

Kick-Off Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks, *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. Email Amy Harriman with questions at aharriman@mpumc.org.

Back-to-School Worship Service, *August 25, 5:30 p.m., Francis Chapel*: You're invited to help celebrate the beginning of another school year with students, teachers, and members of our school community

Organ Concerto Concert, *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.

Caregivers Support Group, *August 27, 11:30 a.m., room 106*: Share the challenges and rewards of the experience. Contact Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at lsmith@mpumc.org.

In God's Image, *August 27, 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 offers a safe and sacred space to share feelings, seek discernment, and receive support. Contact Bill Roth at broth@mpumc.org.

Register for Forward, *now-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: Amy Harriman at 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 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. September 22-November 24 (except when Forward meets). 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 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 to be distributed weekly 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: 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 our school partnerships. 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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