

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



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A Service of Christian Worship

September 8, 2019

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

Thirteenth 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

Prelude on "Jesus Loves Me"

Jason Payne

† Call to Worship

Wonderful are all your works, O God!

We are your creation; we are in your hands.

Happy are those who delight in God's law;

Blessed are all who meditate on God's word.

Listen to the ordinances of our God;

We will love God and walk in the way God commands.

† Processional Hymn No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

† The Creed No. 883

{ We are using this creed, authorized for use in our denomination, for a short season as it fits our Fall themes and provides us with fresh words of belief. }

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

† 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 of grace and mercy,
we confess that we are slaves to our own narrow interest.
We pay more attention to things of this world than to you.
Your Word calls us to a life of joy and peace,
yet we prefer to follow our own objectives, under our own power.
Forgive us, we pray.
Shape us by your Word and your Spirit,
and lead us in your ways. 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.**

Presentation of Bibles

Parents' Response
We will, with God's help.

Children's Response

**We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts,
and our minds.
We will read and study the Bible together. Thank you.**

Congregational Response

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for the Scriptures.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Preparation No. 191 (Stanza 1)

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Mark Sheppard

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not seek
to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

† 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

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day,
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you 'til the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

† 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

Finale from "Symphony No. 2 in D Major"

C.M. Widor

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care (8:30, 9:45)

Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor for Young Adults and Lay Involvement (11:00)

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READERS

Will Poovey (8:30), Luke Dixon (9:45), Ben Ricketts (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)



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Leah Andrews (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

David Starling (8:30)

McLean Gaston (9:45)

Mary Holland Waters (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Sadie Scott and Sallie Scott (8:30)

Porter Eubanks and Ellie Harrison (9:45)

Jackson Crawford and Kennedy Crawford (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Harrison Burge (8:30), Molly Brown (9:45), Mallie Waters (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.

Today, as they mark this special steppingstone in their faith journey, 94 third graders will receive the gift of an engraved Bible from the church at this morning's worship services: *Jack Albright, Grady Ammons, Maren Ammons, Zoe Askew, Siena Black, Virginia Bradshaw, Annie Brown, Sam Bryant, Logan Bullins, Anna Caldwell, Emily Caldwell, Parrish Calloway, Emma Cameron, Connor Cheek, Hartley Cheek, Fin Cox, Anne Carter Damesek, Luke Dixon, Ellie Dobson, Charlie Flouhouse, Emma Fogg, Harper Foose, Hank Ford, Miller Ford, Connor Gadd, Walt Gaddy, Trey Gehron, Grey Gibson, Eloise Givens, Cate Gray, Nate Greer, Colin Guarnaccia, John Harmeling, Yates Harper, Holden Harrell, Rebecca Hay, Lucy Herr, Zoe Howard, Avery Howell, Griffin Hull, Lawton Hull, Ellie Hunter, Layla Jamison, Walker Jenkins, Ethan Johnson, Evie Johnson, Brody Jordan, Law Joyce, Olivia Knezevic, Molly Langley, Kellen Lickert, Charlotte Lindley, Scarlett MacIsaac, Brady Mark, Andrew Mattson, Charles Maynard, Mac McCreary, Thomas McLaurin, Barclay Miller, Sadee Gray Mitchell, Owen Nannini, Cadence Neilson, Dorothy Phillips, Will Poovey, Oliver Porter, Maddie Powell, Anna Price, Edie Reynolds, Ben Ricketts, Michael Roane, Maxwell Rodway, Zachary Sato, Cannon Scales, Landon Schaaf, Carsten Seeburg, Dillon Seneker, Betty Shull, Audrey Shulstad, Benjamin Smith, Winn Smith, Holder South, Drew Stoutenger, Teddy Stubbs, Lucas Tartak, Drew Thompson, Claire Tkach, Oliver Toms, Cate Walters, Logan Walters, Logan Wasson, Emily Watson, Kat Wilson, Quinn Wilson, and Ally Wolf.*

The Flowers On The Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Walter J. Riley*, by his family.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, *throughout the year*: Funds help support partners such as Lily Pad Haven, which supports women who have been victims of human trafficking. Give to Jubilee Plus! year-round online or write a check to the church with Jubilee Plus! in the memo line.

Youth Group and Confirmation, *tonight, Jubilee Hall, 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.*: Youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join us tonight. Dinner is Hubee D's food truck for \$8. Parents of 8th grade confirmands are invited to join us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a special worship service.

9/11 and the Bible, *11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., room 108*: This Wednesday is the 18th anniversary of 9/11, Dr. Howell will guide us on what wisdom the Bible might have to share on how we remember such a day, and how we live now as a nation and in Christian hope.

Fall Small Groups, register now-September 9: A great way to make this large church feel smaller and more personal is to get connected through one of our small groups. We have many offerings this fall including groups for young adults, parents, and groups focusing on Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. To learn about all offerings and to get registered, visit www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups/

Labyrinth, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 15, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Francis Chapel: All days and times are subject to change; please call 704-376-8584 to verify. September focus is Blessings.

Yoga and Prayer, Monday mornings, 9:15 a.m., Francis Chapel. All ages and abilities welcome as we join movement and faith. Contact Rev. Taylor Barefoot at tbarefoot@mpumc.org. A \$5 donation is suggested. Mats available.

Habitat for Humanity Build, starting September 14, Grier Heights: Spend a day or more building a home for a family in need. No special skills necessary; training provided on site. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/habitat to learn more.

Pack Food Bags for Marie G. Davis, Sunday, October 20, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., basement: For years we've gathered on a Sunday in October for Stop Hunger Now, but this year we're making an impact closer to home. Our goal is to pack 10,000 bags of food for Marie G. Davis students. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/food-bags to learn more.

Parenting the Love & Logic Way, Wednesdays, September 11-October 16, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Beth Person will facilitate this class designed to teach practical techniques for taking better care of yourself and getting more cooperation from your children. \$120 per family. Space is limited. Register online.

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.

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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