

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



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A Service of Christian Worship

August 2, 2020

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Improvisation on Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

James R. Jones

Welcome

† **Hymn No. 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

† **The Creed No. 881**

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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Anthem

Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
when we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer.

Unceasing love surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Mission Moment

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn

Amanda Cook and Steffany Gretzinger

Out of Hiding

**Come out of hiding you're safe here with Me
There's no need to cover what I already see
You've got your reasons but I hold your peace
You've been on lockdown and I hold the key**

**'Cause I loved you before you knew what was love
I saw it all still I chose the cross
You were the one that I was thinking of
When I rose from the grave
Now rid of the shackles My victory is yours
I tore the veil for you to come close
There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore
You're not far from home**

**I'll be your lighthouse when you're lost at sea
I will illuminate everything
No need to be frightened by intimacy
Just throw off your fear and come running to Me**

**Oh as you run what hindered love
Will only become part of the story
(REPEAT)**

**Baby you're almost home now
Please don't quit now
You're almost home to Me**

† 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.**

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions & Community Engagement

Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Pastor for Emerging Ministries



LAY READERS

Jason Rhymer, Director of Youth Ministry

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Church in the Round Worship Leaders

Small ensemble



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Aimee Anderson (9:45)

**Welcome to
Myers Park United Methodist Church**

Welcome! We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. We invite you to <https://form.jotform.com/201695904497164>

C.S. Lewis On the Bible, A Conversation with Dr. Michael Gehring led by Dr. James Howell, Live Wednesday, August 5 at 11:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m. and viewable later: Join Dr. James Howell as he hosts a conversation with special guest, Dr. Michael Gehring. They'll discuss C.S. Lewis on the Bible. Dr. Gehring is a leading scholar in the Methodist Church on the life and work of Lewis. Watch on **Facebook Live** or via livestream at livestream.com/mpumc/biblestudy.

Midday Music - Live from MPUMC! Wednesday, August 5, 12:00 p.m., <https://livestream.com/mpumc/middaymusic>: . Join Jimmy Jones for live music featuring Brian Winegardner, trumpet.

Our Sanctuary is Now Open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for individual prayer and meditation. There will be someone in the Narthex during those hours to welcome you. We ask everyone to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and practice safe distancing. This schedule is subject to unannounced changes in order to accommodate funerals and other services.

Labyrinth in Francis Chapel open for socially distanced walking and prayer, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, beginning July 28: We are setting 30 minute appointments with intervals of time between each walker, in order to maintain proper safety and sanitation during this time of COVID-19. [Please sign up here.](#)

Are You a Teacher? If you or someone you know within our congregation is a teacher (preschool, elementary, middle, high school or college), we want to hear from you so we can pray for and appreciate you!. Please email your name, mailing address, and where you teach to Katharine Willis at kwillis@mpumc.org.

Children's Zoom Time with Dr. Howell, Thursday, August 6, 4:00 p.m.: Kindergarten-5th graders and their families are invited to spend time with Dr. Howell for conversation and prayer. Click [here](#) for Zoom meeting details. For more information, email Amy Harriman.

Children's Ministries Ice Cream Truck is Coming to Your Neighborhood, Wednesdays in July and August: Click [this SignUp Genius link](#) to look for your neighborhood (or closest neighborhood to you) and sign up with your family's name. Don't see your neighborhood? Email Leslie Lowery to get on the schedule. We can't wait to see you!

Kick-Off Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks: Although we will not be able to gather in person, we will officially kick off the 2020-2021 Sunday School year on Sunday, August 16. All children will “move up” to their new class/grade. We’ll have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks for elementary children (kindergarten–5th grade) during the online worship services. We look forward to celebrating this special day!

Backpack BOGO (Buy One, Give One) Project: When you are shopping for school supplies and a backpack for your children, please consider purchasing a backpack and filling it with school supplies and a weekend food bag for a student in need. Please include the following school supplies: wide-ruled composition book, crayons, No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, and child-sized scissors. In the weekend food bag, please include only the following items: 1 can of soup, 1 can of Vienna sausages, 1 box of macaroni and cheese, 1 pack of Ramen noodles, 1 pack of cheese crackers, 2 packs of oatmeal, and 2 packs of fruit snacks. Please purchase canned items that have pull-tab openings. Say a blessing over the filled backpack and include a note to let the recipient know his or her bag has been blessed. Drop off your backpack donations under the portico of the Parish Life Building August 17–20. They will be delivered to students at Marie G. Davis. For details, contact Julie Wentz at jwentz@mpumc.org.

Transition Sunday for Rising Kindergarteners and Rising Sixth Graders: Mark Sunday, August 16 on your calendars for a special drive-thru event for rising kindergarteners and rising sixth graders. More details to come.

Yoga + Prayer, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. or Thursdays 8:00 p.m.,
Zoom: Join others in finding healthy movement opportunities is through our weekly Zoom Yoga classes taught by Meredith Starling. Classes are offered Mondays and Thursdays at noon and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Please [click here](#) to learn how to join and to find zoom instructions. We can’t wait to see you there!

Today Through August 15 - Throughout the COVID pandemic, our church has supported, encouraged and THANKED those who are working on the front lines of the pandemic. For the next four weeks, we would like to provide weekly goodie baskets for the ICU staff at Atrium Health. Check out the [Amazon wishlist](#) for specific items we hope to include (some treats, some equipment needs), or if you prefer, drop notes of encouragement by the church to be included with the treats.



Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. To learn more about this powerful ministry, contact Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or broth@mpumc.org.

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TALK WITH A PASTOR

A pastor on staff stands ready to respond to your question or concern.

Those needing immediate pastoral help should call
704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.



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