

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Worship Spaces

A Service of Christian Worship

October 18, 2020

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Gathering Music
Great is the Lord

arr. Stan Pethel

Welcome

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

† Hymn No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† 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 Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Anthem

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in præsepio!
Beata virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt, portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Congregational Care Update

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Mission Moment

† Closing Hymn

Great Are You Lord

Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

You give life You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life You are love

You bring light to the darkness

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And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

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It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

(REPEAT)

**And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(REPEAT)**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

† 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

R. Boud

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

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LITURGISTS

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Pastor for Emerging Ministries

Rev. William E. Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Katie Crisp

Lauren Smith, Parish Nurse

Gaston Warner, CEO Zoe Empowers



LAY READERS

Ashley Mattei



MUSICIANS

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist
Dr. Jennifer Hough, Church in the Round Music Director
Zachary Tarlton, Church in the Round Music Associate
Church in the Round Worship Leaders
Amanda Williams, soprano
Sue Bayne, piano



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Access Interpreting Services (9:45)

Welcome to

Myers Park United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. We invite you to register your attendance with us today:

<https://form.jotform.com/201695904497164>

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church Operating Fund during this season of shifting connections. Your faithful commitment enables us to remain connected in new and creative ways during a time where we are physically apart. Make your offering today at www.myersparkumc.org/give or by mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207. Questions about giving opportunities? Contact Jamie Yearwood, Director of Development, at jyearwood@mpumc.org or 704-295-4808.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in celebration of the marriage of *Kate and Matt Blanton* and in loving memory of the bride's father *John Haynie*.

In-Person Food Truck Gathering, October 18, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (middle school) and 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (high school): We can't wait to see everyone in person again! Join us for a Hubee D's dinner of tenders, fries, cookie and drink! You pay only \$3; we cover the rest! Please BRING A CHAIR and wear a mask. By signing up you are agreeing that before the event you have not been exposed to COVID or had any COVID symptoms and that you will follow our social distancing guidelines of staying six feet apart and wearing a mask when you are not eating. [Sign up here!](#)

Wednesday Bible Study Featuring Dr. Esau McCaulley, October 21, 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and viewable later: Join Dr. Howell as he welcomes Dr. Esau McCaulley, an ordained Anglican who completed his doctorate at St. Andrews, Scotland with N.T. Wright. He is a popular, optimistic, hopeful voice on black perspectives on reading the Bible, including Ephesians. His book, *Reading While Black*, is a bestseller. Watch on [Facebook](#) live or via [livestream](#).

Midday Music - Live from MPUMC, Wednesday, October 21, 12:00 p.m.: Join Evan Currie for a special surprise. Click [here](#) to tune in live or to watch past Midday Music concerts.

Drive-Thru Costume CARE-avan, October 28, 5:00-6:30 p.m.: Everyone is invited to wear a costume (children, adults, pets! You can even decorate your car!), care for others by making an online donation to support Missions' Table Tithe, and snare a sweet treat bag. We'll also have festive decorations and hope to take a photo of your family before you drive away! [Click here to RSVP](#) and to make your online donation to Table Tithe, which will support families from Marie G. Davis and Supportive Housing Communities. Details are at the link. Please let us hear from you by **October 22**. We can't wait to see you!

Phantom of the Organ, Friday, October 30, 5:30 p.m.: Tune in for scary fun featuring MPUMC staff and friends. You'll hear some of your favorites along with new songs from Disney and the movies. Click [here](#) to watch live or tune in later to watch it again!

Grief Support Group: The Mystery of God's Presence With Us, November 2, 9, 16, and 23, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith lead a virtual workshop designed to assist and support those grieving a loss. This will be a time of sharing our individual journeys and coming to a deeper understanding of the grief process. Register in Realm or email Carmen Rivera at crivera@mpumc.org.

Mindful Mondays on Zoom, October 19, November 16 and December 21, 10:30 a.m.: Offered by Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith. Learn to embody the present moment with compassionate awareness and discover the emotional, physical and spiritual meditative practices. Open to first-timers or those who wish to renew their mindful practice. Register in Realm or with Carmen Rivera at crivera@mpumc.org.

Walk the Labyrinth, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Francis Chapel: The Labyrinth is open for socially distanced walking and prayer. [Click here](#) to make your 30-minute reservation. Curious what the Labyrinth is all about? Email Pastor Uiyeon Kim at ukim@mpumc.org.

Fall Small Groups Online, *various days and times on Zoom*: We continue our focus on “Embracing Mystery” with virtual small groups. Book studies on titles by Richard Rohr and N.T. Wright are ongoing, along with groups engaging in anti-racism. Groups are led by our clergy and scheduled at various times of the week. Everything you need to join us is at www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups.

Sign Up for a Driveway Visit from the Youth Team, *Tuesdays between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.*: Jesus said to meet people where they are, so that's exactly what we are doing! We want to meet you at your house to catch up and pray. We may even bring snacks and gifts! Connection is good for the soul, so let's do just that! [Sign up here!](#) for your 30-minute time slot: 15 minutes to travel and 15 minutes at your house.

Middle School Virtual Game Night, *Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.* Please have a computer and your phone to play. Go to www.mpumcyouth.org for the Zoom link.

Family Bedtime Stories, *Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.*: Families, put on your PJs, go to our [Facebook page](#), and snuggle up for Bedtime Stories read to you by fellow MPUMC families! What a fun way to end the day: seeing your church friends share a story from their home to yours. Does your family want to read a story? [Sign up here!](#) Questions? Email Amy Jo Alspaugh at amyjo@mpumc.org.

Yoga + Prayer on Zoom, *Mondays and Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.*: Email Meredith Starling at starlinm@bellsouth.net to be added to the email list for the link to the meeting.

Check Out the New Episode of Our Beyond Baptism Podcast: We're excited to announce a new episode of our Beyond Baptism podcast! Children Ministries Director Amy Jo Alspaugh and author Kari Kampakis discuss hard parenting topics around identity, self-esteem, kindness, friendship and body image. Although Kari Kampakis' books discuss raising young girls, this conversation will illuminate realities for girls and boys of all age groups. Click [here](#) to listen along as we contemplate how to raise children who understand who they are, and whose they are. *Beyond Baptism: Wisdom, Encouragement and Hope for Parents*, created by Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries, is intended for parents and adults invested in the young people of our church. Additional episodes are available [here](#). Subscribe, rate, and review today!

Children's Ministries 'Advent and Christmas Devotional Booklet Artwork:

We are preparing for the 9th edition of our annual publication, and, per tradition, we are looking for artwork from our children (ages 2-5th grade) to illustrate it. Details on what to submit and how are on our [website](#). Deadline is **October 23**. Questions? Email Katharine Willis at kwillis@mpumc.org.

Watch Our Latest YouthTUBE Video: Our first YouTube video premiered earlier this month. If you missed it, check it out [here](#)!

Shift Your Gift, *now through Friday, November 20*: In this season of change, we are asking you to SHIFT your GIFT for the Thanksgiving Table Tithe and Christmas Jubilee Store traditions. In lieu of blue bags with Thanksgiving fixings and new toys for the Jubilee Store, we are asking for monetary donations so that we may purchase prepared meals for Table Tithe and gift cards to make shopping safer in the Jubilee Store. Make a gift online [here](#) (select **Season of Giving** from the drop-down menu) or mail a check (with Season of Giving in the memo line) to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Donate Unopened CMS Meal Bundles: If you elected to receive CMS food bundles in an effort to support cafeteria and bus driver jobs but prefer to donate them, you can drop off your unopened meal bundles to Feeding Charlotte in the Hopedale parking lot on Thursdays between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please note, this is not a church-sponsored collection so we cannot take bundles at our main buildings. Please direct questions to Mendy Godman, Executive Director of Feeding Charlotte, at mendy@feedingcharlotte.org.

Virtual Mission Trip, *October 20, 21 and 22, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.:* Pack your bags for a virtual trip to Rwanda, Kenya, and India with Zoe Empowers. Glimpse the kingdom of God at work when we go live in villages and meet orphaned and vulnerable children who are lifting themselves permanently out of poverty. If you have wanted to go on a Zoe trip or have been and want to revisit that special time and these special people, don't miss this unique opportunity! Register with Nathan at narledge@mpumc.org.



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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