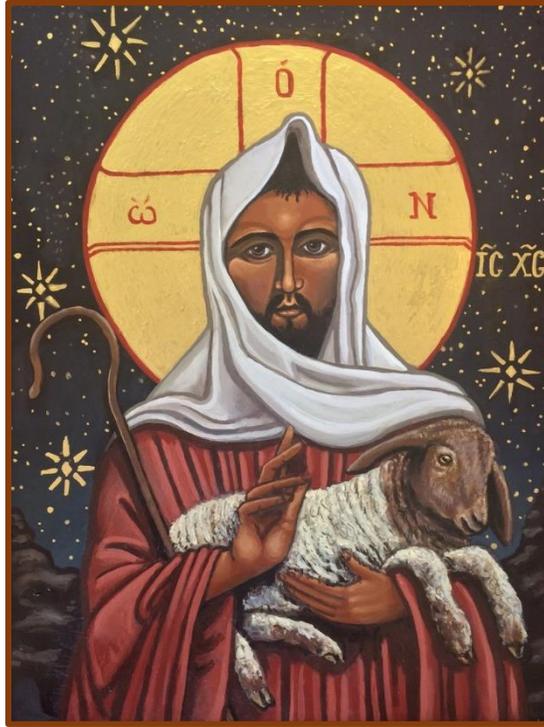


Myers Park
United Methodist Church



The Good Shepherd, Kelly Latimore

A Service of Christian Worship

March 19, 2023

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

What Wondrous Love Is This (8:30)

arr. Brian Childers

Lenten Nocturne (9:45, 11:00)

Dan R. Edwards

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

† Call to Worship

Be Still

Karen Marroli

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.

Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.

† **Hymn No. 127**

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

† **The Creed No. 881**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

The third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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.

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.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
too hidden even to realize,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what we hesitate to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow into your likeness;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

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

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16 (*selected verses*)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (8:30)

Jason W. Krug

Sacred Silence (9:45, 11:00)

Karissa Dennis

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Ministry Moment

Offertory

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is (8:30)

Harry Rowe Shelley

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O, the transport of delight with which my cup o'erfloweth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever! Amen.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (9:45, 11:00)

Mack Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

† Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn No. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.**

**Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

† Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G Major (Alla Gigue)

J.S. Bach

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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LITURGISTS

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions & Community Engagement

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LAY READERS

Barry Guy (8:30)

Kevan Smith (9:45)

Marsha Rexford (11:00)



MINISTRY WITNESS

Lydia Wright (9:45, 11:00)



MUSICIANS

Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, Director of Music

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Brian Childers, Director of Music for Children, Youth, and Handbells

Amanda Williams (8:30)

Whitney Vance (8:30)

Junior Bells (8:30)

Youth Bells (9:45, 11:00)

Erinn Frechette, flute (9:45, 11:00)

Sue Bayne, piano

Chancel Choir



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Tori Raymond (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

Jed Ferry (8:30)

Elizabeth Willis (9:45)

Gavin Porter (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Everett Ferry and Emerson Ward (8:30)

Lillemor Ashford and Mary Blake Gillis (9:45)

Macie Porter and Emma Fogg (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Kinsley Allen (8:30)

Teddy Stubbs (9:45)

Oliver Porter (11:00)

Welcome to

Myers Park United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are thankful you are here worshipping with us. We invite you to register your attendance with us today: <https://form.jotform.com/201695904497164>.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of *Parker Collingridge Teden* on the day of her baptism by her grandparents *Karen McCanless* and *Sally and Michael Teden*.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Hank Roderick Heintz*, son of *Macie and Michael Heintz*; *Anna Wensley Mahon*, daughter of *Caroline and Reilly Mahon*; and *Parker Collingridge Teden*, daughter of *Meredith and Sam Teden*.

Sunday Night Youth: Confirmation meets 5:30-7 p.m. 6th and 7th graders and High School meet 6:15-8 p.m. All groups are together 6:15-7 p.m. in Jubilee Hall for worship and dinner/snack bar.

Karen González Visits Myers Park UMC, March 20, 7 p.m.: Join us in welcoming Karen González, author of *Beyond Welcome*, for a look at how Christian faith and immigration intersect and why it matters to faith leaders. Stop by Goodness Gracious and pick up a copy of her book, and check out Dr. Howell's latest [podcast](#) featuring Ms. González.

The Meadows at Plato Price Build Day, March 24: Construction has begun at this Habitat for Humanity community supported by your Hope is Here contributions. Our first of three dedicated build days is this Friday. Our job site spots are already filled, but there are still opportunities to support volunteers with meals, water, and camaraderie. Click [here](#) to sign up! The next build days are April 1 and April 15.

Hope is Here Campaign and Building Update: The crane is up, and steel is on the way! Check out this short, fun [video of construction progress](#) to date. Your generosity is changing the face of our church and our work in this community through our [Hope is Here](#) campaign!

Dianne Collard Book-Signing, March 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Missionary, author, arts advocate, and church member Dianne Collard will sign copies of her book *I Choose to Forgive: An Intimate Journey with God*, at Goodness Gracious. This book tells the story of how she and her family chose to forgive the man who murdered their son.

Baptism Class, March 26, 10 a.m., Francis Chapel: This class will deepen your understanding of this Holy Sacrament and is an essential first step for those preparing for baptism. If you have questions about or want to schedule a baptism, email Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org.

Discover Myers Park, March 26, 11 a.m., room 108: Join Rev. Jessica Dayson to learn about our church and the beliefs and practices of our denomination. There is no obligation to join, but the opportunity will be available for you. Email Jeanne Poole at jpoole@mpumc.org for details.

Purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one [here](#) or send a check for \$20 per lily to the church along with the name of the person you are honoring/remembering. Dedications will be shared in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins. Last day to order is March 27.

Middle School Mayhem and High School Hype, March 31, 6:45-10 p.m.: Join us for opening night with the Charlotte Knights! We will stay and watch the fireworks after the game. Cost is \$35, which includes a \$15 food credit. Meet us at the stadium at 6:45 p.m. Click [here](#) to sign up.

March Collection for Schools and Children: This month we are collecting snacks for Hidden Valley's Saturday school program students and items most requested by our neighbors in our partner communities. There are two ways to donate: shop from the [Amazon Wishlist](#) and ship items directly to the church, or shop on your own and drop off items to the Missions office. If you shop on your own, please purchase only the brands specified. Thank you for your generosity.

New Scouts Interest Meeting, April 3, 7-8:30 p.m., Parish Life Building basement: Calling all girls! Do you like making new friends, having fun adventures, and learning valuable skills that will change your life? If so, plan to attend this [interest meeting](#) for new Scouts. BSA Troop 3G is very active at our church and provides wonderful opportunities for girls age 11-17. Click [here](#) for more information. Email Virginia Stevenson at virginia.stevenson@klgates.com with questions.

Cub Scouts Open House, April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Parish Life Building lobby: All boys and girls in kindergarten-4th grade (ages 5-10) are invited to an [open house](#) to learn about Cub Scouts Pack 3, where we have fun while learning new skills, making friends, volunteering, and participating in lots of cool activities. Click [here](#) for details. Email Jake Ward at uscjake@hotmail.com with questions.

Senior Recognition Sunday Registration: All high school seniors and their parents are invited to participate in our special tradition of Senior Recognition Sunday on May 14. A luncheon will follow in Jubilee Hall. There are a limited number of spots at each sanctuary service. Click [here](#) to sign up.

College Students' Trip to Faith Ministry: Calling all college students! Come celebrate the end of the semester with a week with our friends at Faith Ministry May 21-27. We will build walls, roof houses, and renew spirits while reconnecting to our faith and to each other. Cost is \$600 plus flight. Click [here](#) to register by April 1. Email Britt Yett at byett@mpumc.org with any questions.

Children's Ministries is Hiring an Intern to work 10 weeks this summer (the Tuesday after Memorial Day through early August). Click [here](#) to see the job description. If interested, send your resume to Amy Jo Alsbaugh at amyjo@mpumc.org.

Oh, the Places You'll Go: Join Dr. Howell as he takes you to sacred, unforgettable and life-changing places where God happens. Click [here](#) to read current and past biweekly emails, and click [here](#) to subscribe. Click [here](#) to watch a new video released every Monday.

Travel with Dr. Howell to Turkey, September 17-29: Visit the historic birthplace of worldwide Christianity. We'll visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, take in stunning landscapes and architectural wonders, and delight in Turkish food and culture. Click [here](#) to learn more about the trip. Email Peg at peg@mpumc.org or James at james@mpumc.org with any questions.

Maybe I'm Amazed Podcast: Throughout his career, Dr. Howell has developed meaningful relationships with a wide spectrum of people, and he's taken time to learn each of their stories. *Maybe I'm Amazed* is a collection of amazing conversations James has with amazing people experiencing everyday miracles. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church Operating Fund. Your generosity brings to life the many ministries of our church, including [monthly women's gatherings](#), [Midday Music](#), and clergy-led [small groups](#).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

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,
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For a complete list of events and opportunities and links to register, visit www.myersparkumc.org and click This Week at Myers Park or the Events button at the top of the page.

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

Those needing immediate pastoral help should call
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OUR MISSION

We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.



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