

Myers Park United Methodist Church



The Rising Sun, Meg Malvasi

The very essence of the Polaroid Decay process is to create something new out of something “broken.” I discovered this process during a period of depression over what I perceived as a loss of direction in my photography. I took “mistake” or unusable Polaroid prints, submerged them in water and waited. Over a period of weeks and sometimes months, the chemicals in the print broke down. This allowed for new colors, new shapes and new compositions to emerge. When I pulled this print, I was struck by how much it reminded me of a mountain scene at sunrise, full of hope, promise and a new beginning. It also reminded me that out of brokenness, new ways of seeing can evolve.

A Service of Christian Worship

June 28, 2020

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Gathering Music
God of Grace

Paul Manz

Welcome

VBS Highlight

† **Hymn No. 577 (stanzas 1 and 4)**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

† **The Creed**

We Believe

Richie Fike, Matthew Hooper, and Travis Ryan

**We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe I the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
and He's coming back again.
We believe**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

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 Dan Forrest

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love mingled low down,
did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers

Mission Moment

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn

The Wonderful Cross Lowell Mason, Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt,
and Isaac Watts

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

**O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all.**

**O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name**

† 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

Toccata in D

Giambattista Martini

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor for Young Adults & Lay Involvement



LAY READERS

David Bellamy and Jack Bellamy



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist
Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist
Dr. Jennifer Hough, Church in the Round Music Director
Church in the Round Worship Leaders
Small ensemble
Dr. Brian Winegardner, trumpet



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Aimee Anderson (9:45)

Welcome to

Myers Park United Methodist Church

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Lisa Clark and Jenner Kizer* yesterday at the church.

Pandemic Resiliency, *Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.*, [Livestream](#): Join Parish Nurse Lauren Smith, Rev. Bill Roth, and Rev. Uiyeon Kim as they discuss wellness and resiliency in the midst of our current pandemic. This week's topic is Five Symptoms of Flourishing: Blessing. The video will be available for later viewing as well.

Freedom American-Style and Jesus-Style, *Wednesday, July 1, live at 11:00 a.m. and viewable later*, www.livestream.com/mpumc/biblestudy: Join Dr. Howell as he reflects on what the Bible says about freedom.

Midday Music - Live from MPUMC! Join Jimmy Jones and Evan Currie this Wednesday, July 1st at 12:00pm for live music from Myers Park. <https://livestream.com/mpumc/middaymusic>. Tune in to James Howell's Bible Study at 11am and stay on to enjoy some special music!

Book Study: Raising White Kids, *every other Wednesday, June 17-August 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*: It's not too late to join our study of *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America* by Jennifer Harvey, facilitated by Rev. Jessica Dayson and Director of Children's Ministries Amy Harriman. (Our first meeting was June 17. Our second meeting is July 1.) [Register for the book study here](#). You will then receive an email with a link to the Zoom login information.

Sunday School Registration: We're busy preparing for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year and we want you to do the same. Children born on or before August 31, 2018 through children who completed 4th grade in the 2019-20 school year are invited to register for Sunday School. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/children. Questions? Email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

We're Looking for Sunday School Teachers: Sunday School is a critical part of faith formation at Myers Park United Methodist Church. At all ages, it is successful in large part because of the commitment of parent volunteers to provide a fun and safe place for our children to grow their faith. We are looking for teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. Are you interested in teaching? If so, we'd love to talk with you further about this ministry. Please email [Claire Kuck](mailto:Claire.Kuck@mpumc.org) or [Katie Lundin](mailto:Katie.Lundin@mpumc.org) to learn more.

Youth - Jesus and Justice Virtual Small Group, Tuesday June 16-Tuesday, July 14; 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: This five-week small group will meet via Zoom and learn about racism in America through scenes from the Netflix series, *All American*. Topics covered include, but are not limited to: Anti-Racism, Racial Profiling, White Privilege, Police Brutality, Advocacy/Allyship and Equality vs. Equity. We will study scripture and discuss justice through a faith lens, so that we can love and better understand the perspective of our BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) neighbors. We believe this topic has to be conversational, so please sign up ONLY if you are committed to coming to at least four of the five weeks. Sign up at www.mpumcyouth.org.

Summer Small Groups: Small groups are open to all and will provide time/space during this ongoing time of uncertainty for participants to share joys and concerns, offer support for one another, and prayerfully reflect on our weekly scripture lessons. Groups will be offered at various times during the week and you are welcome to drop in on one or several as you are able. For information: www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups.

Small Group for Small Business Owners, Thursdays, 12:00 p.m.: Led by Britt Yett, our Mission Program Director and a small business owner herself, this group will provide time/space for business owners to share support and best business practices in this season of COVID-19. For information: www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups.

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



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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