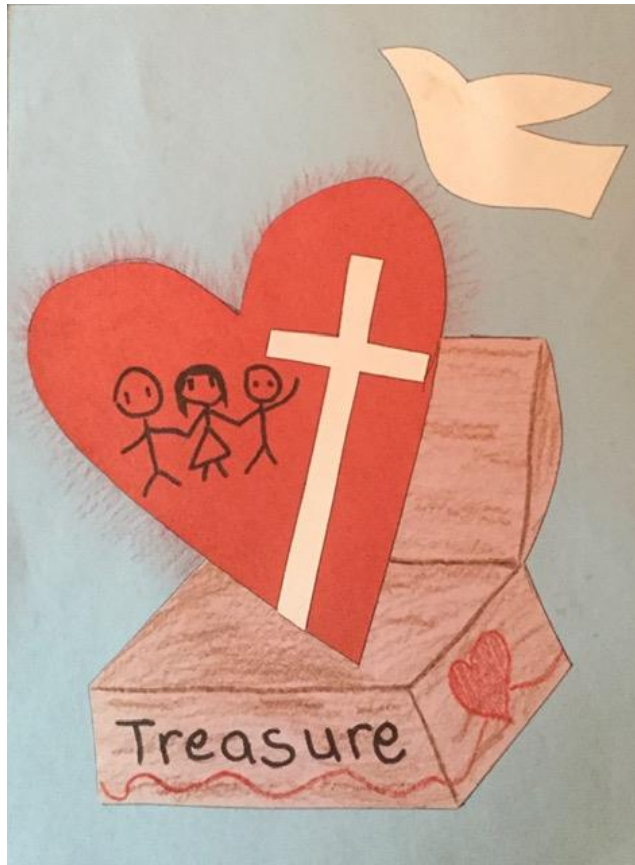


Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Storing Treasure, *Natalie Hieronymus*

A Service of Christian Worship

July 26, 2020

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Sonata for Cello & Piano in G minor, Op. 19
III. Andante

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Welcome

† **Hymn No. 694**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

† **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

Anthem

Lay Up Your Treasures In Heaven

Pepper Choplin

Lay up your treasures in heaven, O people,
lay up your treasures in glory where nothing in this world can take them away.

O listen, people, hear the Master say,
“Lay up your treasures in heaven, O people, lay up your treasures in glory.
Your treasures in this world will fade away,
but the things of the Lord will last forevermore!”

Well, the Lord looked out and saw the people there,
tied up in worry and burdened with care.
He said, “Seek first the kingdom and you will see the things that will last for eternity!”

Some people trust in their silver and gold, they put their faith in the wealth they hold.
But fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall, so put your trust in the Lord of all!

† **The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Mission Moment

† 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!**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn

Rend Collective

**You Are My Vision
You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light**

**You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me together we're one**

**High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all**

**Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all**

† 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

James Biery

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READERS

Melissa Poovey



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

Sarah Markle, cello



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>

Virtual Tour in the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, July 29, [live](#) at 11 a.m. and viewable thereafter: Join James Howell as he guides you to where Francis was born, fought, prayed, preached, and died, in Umbria, Tuscany, the Rieti Valley and Rome.

Midday Music - Live from MPUMC! Wednesday, July 29, 12:00 pm. [https://livestream.com/mpumc/middaymusic:](https://livestream.com/mpumc/middaymusic)

Join Evan Currie for live music featuring Josh Wald, bass.

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.](#)

Children's Ministries Ice Cream Truck is Coming to Your Neighborhood: We are visiting local neighborhoods on Wednesdays in July and August to pass out pre-packaged ice cream treats to our families! 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!

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.

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.

Today thru 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.

Yoga + Prayer on Zoom, Mondays and Thursdays, Noon and Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. Please email Meredith Starling 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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