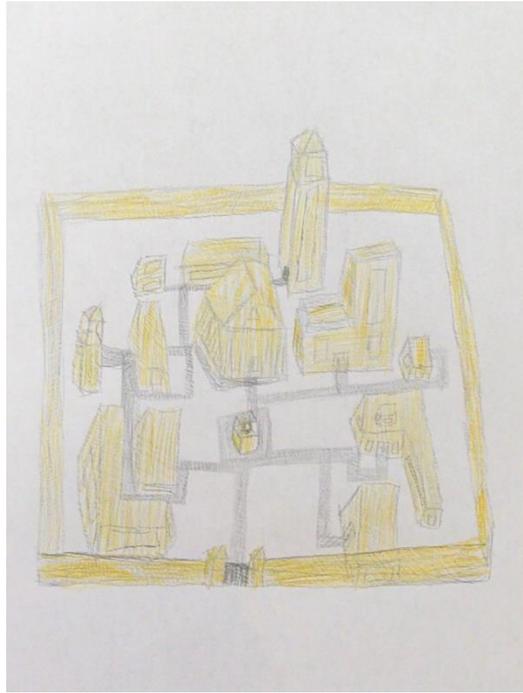


# Myers Park United Methodist Church



Kinsley Allen, age 10

## **A Service of Christian Worship**

May 2, 2021

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

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **WE GATHER**

#### **Gathering Music**

Festival Prelude on THAXTED

arr. David Howard Petit

#### **Chiming of the Trinity**

#### **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!**

## Call to Worship

### † Processional Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
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Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

SPANISH HYMN

Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
he is our Guide and Friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore,  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

### † 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.

## Mission Moment

## **Anthem**

Who at My Door is Standing

K. Lee Scott

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,  
who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin;  
how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.  
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.  
Though he rebuke and chasten, he shall with me abide.  
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me.  
Dear Lord, abide with me!

## **WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **The Psalter Reading**

Psalm 122

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

#### **Choral Call to Prayer**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

John Bell

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

### **Prayers of the People**

† **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

### **Closing Song**

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman

**How lovely is Your dwelling place**

**O Lord almighty**

**For my soul longs and even faints for You**

**For here my heart is satisfied**

**Within Your presence**

**I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

**Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere**

**One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells**

**Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere  
(Repeat)**

**Better is one day  
Better is one day  
Better is one day**

**† 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**

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

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**† Stand as you are able**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**



### **PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



### **LITURGISTS**

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

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



### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

David Rankin (8:30)

Cameron Cash (9:45)

Ellie Dixon (11:00)



### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lisa Stockton Howell



### **PRAYERS**

Dean Lowery (8:30)

Don Washington (9:45)

Jewel Warlick (11:00)



### **LAY READERS**

Katherine Weikel (8:30)

Susan Reikowski (9:45)

Bonnie Gunter (11:00)



### **MUSICIANS**

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music 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

Chancel Choir

Small ensemble

Dr. Brian Winegardner, trumpet



### **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>

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Frances Micelotta and Brandon Wilkerson*, which took place in our sanctuary on Friday.

**Your ongoing generosity** to our church [Operating Fund](#) and our [Mission and Outreach Fund](#) makes it possible for our church family to remain connected in worship and fellowship and support our most vulnerable neighbors near and far. Make your offering today at [www.myersparkumc.org/give](http://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](mailto:jyearwood@mpumc.org) or 704-295-4808.

**Baptism Class:** *May 2, 10:00 a.m., Zoom:* This class will deepen your understanding of this Holy Sacrament and is an essential first step for those preparing for baptism. Join us on [Zoom](#). If you have questions about or want to schedule a baptism, email Peg Broughton at [pbroughton@mpumc.org](mailto:pbroughton@mpumc.org).

**Color Craze: Final Youth Event of the Year,** *May 2, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Hopedale Lot:* The last - and best - event of the school year is here! Join us for a Wild and Wacky Color Craze. We'll have dinner from Hubee D's, lots of paint, and plenty of games to play. Wear clothes you can get extremely messy in, and be ready for a great time. Cost is \$10. [Sign up here.](#)

**The Library is Reopening,** *beginning May 3:* You are welcome to visit to use our self-service online card catalog and check out materials Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please wear a mask and follow appropriate social distancing while in the church building. If you have any questions or concerns, email Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at [tbarefoot@mpumc.org](mailto:tbarefoot@mpumc.org).

**Early Bird Children's Sunday School Registration,** *opens May 3:* We're busy preparing for the 2021-2022 Sunday School year and we want you to do the same. Children born on or before August 31, 2019 through children who completed 4th grade in the 2020-21 school year are invited to register for Sunday School. Click [here](#) to register. Questions? Email Amy Jo Alspaugh at [amyjo@mpumc.org](mailto:amyjo@mpumc.org).

**Register for In-Person Worship Services:** Registration for in-person worship services on May 9 at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 opens on Monday, May 3 at 12:00 p.m. [Visit our website](#) for full details and to register. If you have questions or concerns about registration, email Chris Mull at [cmull@mpumc.org](mailto:cmull@mpumc.org) or Rev. Uiyeon Kim at [ukim@mpumc.org](mailto:ukim@mpumc.org). We look forward to seeing you in worship at Myers Park UMC.

**Wednesday Bible Study, May 5, Live at 11:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m. and viewable later:** Join Dr. Howell as he talks about the Psalms with Bishop Tom Stockton, his father-in-law and our former senior pastor, and Rev. Sarah Howell-Miller, his daughter and current senior pastor of Green Street UMC in Winston-Salem. He'll also share thoughts on the Psalms from Dr. Charles H. Stevens, Sarah's great-grandfather who was pastor at Salem Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Watch live on [Facebook live](#) or [Livestream](#).

**Midday Music - Live from MPUMC!, May 5, 12:00 p.m.:** Join us for a program featuring selections from Broadway musicals. Click [here](#) to watch live and to view previous programs.

**Grief Support, May 10, 6:30 p.m., Zoom:** Offered by Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith, this is a safe place for people looking to share, learn, and connect with others who are coping with loss. Register in Realm or with Carmen Rivera at [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org). You may also directly [join the Zoom meeting](#) at your convenience.

**Mindful Mondays on Zoom, May 17, 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 benefits of 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](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org). You may also [directly join the Zoom meeting](#) at your convenience.

**Family Fellowship Night, May 21, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Hopedale Lot:** Mark your calendars now for an evening of fun and fellowship featuring a local food truck. Stay tuned for details, including the link to sign up. Space is limited. Questions? Email Leslie Lowery at [lhowery@mpumc.org](mailto:lhowery@mpumc.org).

**Coffee, Conversation, and Connection, May 25, 1:00 p.m., Zoom:** Join Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith for emotional support and care. We will share, connect, and explore how we can increase our well-being and resilience. Register with Carmen Rivera at [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org). You may also directly [join the Zoom meeting](#) at your convenience.

**Missions' Summer Care Kits Collection, now-May 31:** Throughout the month of May, we invite you to make “Summer Care Kits” at home to benefit the homeless. Charlotte can be very hot and humid in the summer, and we want to take care of our vulnerable communities. We recommend assembling the following items in gallon-sized ziploc bags: chapstick, sunscreen, lotion, socks, gum, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush, crackers, bottled water, sunglasses, adhesive bandages, and Neosporin. Keep the care kits in your car, and you can readily administer them to people in need! Please send us photos and/or videos of your kits to [missions@mpumc.org](mailto:missions@mpumc.org).

**Border Mission Trip, June 2-7, McAllen, Texas:** We invite you to join a border experience with Rev. Nathan Arledge to learn about border ministries and life on the border. You will assist in welcoming legal asylum seekers through the ministry of presence and witness and help further our church’s budding relationship with First UMC McAllen. Space is limited to nine participants, and all participants must be fully vaccinated. All participants are responsible for booking their own travel and covering their meals and lodging. For more information, email [missions@mpumc.org](mailto:missions@mpumc.org). Click [here](#) to sign up!

**Middle School Atlanta Mission Trip, June 13-18:** Join us on a trip to Atlanta to work with D.O.O.R. to facilitate the exchange of perspectives and the chance to build real relationships—with your spirit, with your group, and with the individuals we serve. Real relationships are the only way anyone ever truly opens their heart or changes their minds. Cost is \$650. Registration closes May 15. [Register here.](#)

**High School Mountain T.O.P. Mission Trip, June 26-July 3.:** Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is a week you will never forget. Serve with other churches and an incredible college staff in Grundy County, TN. Youth can choose from a limited number of spots for Day Camp or Service Camp. Cost is \$600. Registration closes May 15. [Register here.](#)

**Follow Missions On Instagram:** Missions is excited to announce it has its very own Instagram account! We encourage you to follow @mpumc\_missions for the latest events, updates, and opportunities!

**New Podcast Episode - Making Memories:** In this episode of Beyond Baptism, the Youth team swaps stories, memories, and their favorite inspirational moments from their time in Youth Ministries. We are so honored to share this special episode with you! Also, get the latest on how our first in-person day retreat went! *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. Access all episodes [here](#). Subscribe, rate, and review today!

**Yoga + Prayer on Zoom:** Join others in finding healthy movement opportunities. Meredith Starling leads gentle yoga sessions on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. and a deep stretch yoga session on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Email Meredith Starling at [starlinm@bellsouth.net](mailto:starlinm@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**Sunrise Yoga, Sundays, 7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.:** Meredith Starling leads Sunrise Yoga on the sanctuary lawn on Sunday mornings. All ages and levels are welcome! We encourage you to bring your own mat and mask and to maintain distancing during our practice. If you have any questions, email Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at [tbarefoot@mpumc.org](mailto:tbarefoot@mpumc.org).

**Maybe I'm Amazed - A Podcast with Dr. James Howell:** 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.

**"Middle School Among Us" Game Night, Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.:** Please have a computer or your phone to play. The Zoom link is at [www.mpumcyouth.org](http://www.mpumcyouth.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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