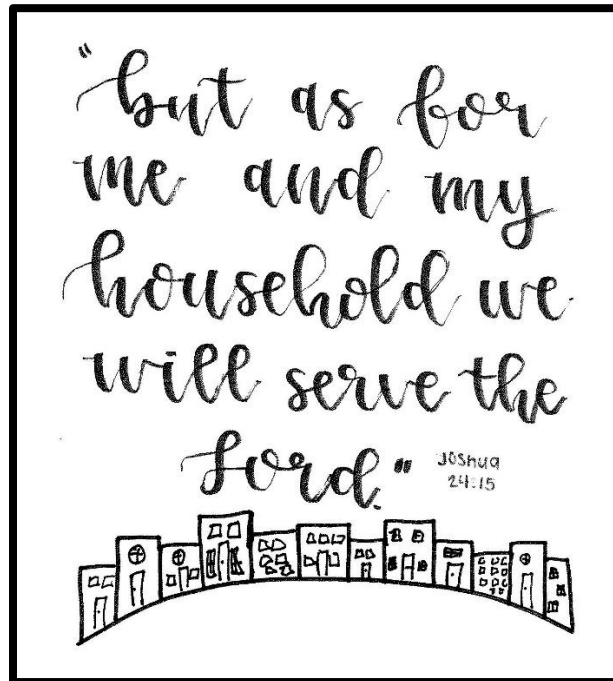


Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Lilly Price, age 13

A Service of Christian Worship

October 10, 2021

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Fanfare and Exaltation

Dan Edwards

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

† **Call to Worship**

How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God!

Paul Tate

† **Processional Hymn No. 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with 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.**

Anthem (9:45, 11:00)

Fantasy on RESTORATION

arr. Brian Childers

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24:1-3, 13-18

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Choral Call to Prayer No. 473

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME, LORD

Lead me, Lord,

lead me in thy righteousness:

make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord only,

that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory

Fantasy on RESTORATION (8:30)

arr. Brian Childers

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (9:45, 11:00)

Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, 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 every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy 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, till in heaven we take our place;
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Amen!

† **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!**

† **Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† **Closing Hymn No.593**

Here I Am, Lord
**I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

HERE I AM, LORD

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

† 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 on HYFRYDOL

Rowland Prichard

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship
Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Pastor for Emerging Ministries



LAY READERS

Lynn Hankins (8:30)
Jackson Hauser (9:45)
Alina MacNichol (11:00)



GENEROSITY WITNESS

Macie Porter



MUSICIANS

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Brian Childers, Director of Music for Children, Youth, and Handbells
Chancel Choir
Myers Park Bells



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Access Interpreting Services (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

Dean Lowery (8:30)
Ellie Harrison (9:45)
Charlie McLaurin (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Carson Clutter and Kennedy Clutter (8:30)
Kate Harrison and Frank Turner (9:45)
Miloree McLaurin and Emily Brietz (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Hannah Rankin (8:30)
Brynn Vernon (9:45)
Logan Wasson (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 *Dabney Vigor* on her birthday by her family.

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church [Operating Fund](#)! Your generosity makes it possible for discipleship opportunities for all ages and stages of life including [small groups and clergy-led Bible studies](#). 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.

Hope Is Here Campaign Information Sessions: Something exciting is ahead for our church family! Join us at one of these gatherings in Francis Chapel to learn more: Sunday, October 17, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Monday, October 18, 9:30-11:00 a.m., and Sunday, October 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Gatherings will include a presentation from our campaign and building committees. We need your wisdom and engagement as we plan for the future of our church! Child care is provided on Sunday, October 17. To make a reservation, email Lisa Ross-Smit, Child Care Coordinator, at lrsmit@mpumc.org by 12:00 p.m. on October 14.

Weekend Food Bag Drop-Off, *today, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and October 11-13, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., in the alley:* We are collecting weekend food bags for children at Marie G. Davis and in the Southside neighborhood. Please pack the following items in a plastic grocery bag or gallon-sized Ziploc bag: one box of stovetop macaroni and cheese, one can of soup (with a pull-tab), one can of Vienna sausages, one package of Ramen noodles, one pack of cheese sandwich crackers, two pouches of fruit snacks, and two packets of instant oatmeal. Drop off completed bags to the Missions team in the alley at the above times. For more information, email missions@mpumc.org.

Last Day to Register for Third Grade Bible Day Retreat, *today:* Third graders are invited to spend the day at Camp Canaan in Rock Hill to get to know each other, learn more about their Bibles, and enjoy a full day of outdoor adventures and team building. The cost is \$50 and includes breakfast, lunch, and all activities, including ziplining, wall climbing, fishing, hiking, soccer, football, kickball, and disc golf. [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

Final Day - Purple Dot Sale at Goodness Gracious: Save 30% on all items marked with a purple dot! Stop by anytime Sunday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and pick up something for a friend, a family member, or even yourself! We encourage you to shop in person, but you can also make a purchase by calling the shop or sending us a DM on our Goodness Gracious Instagram page.

Youth Sunday Night Gathering: 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6th/7th grade and High School. Confirmands are welcome to stay until 8:00 p.m. if they would like extra programming.

Grief Support, October 11, 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. You may also directly [join the Zoom meeting](#) at your convenience.

Serve on Church Leadership, email James by October 12: Everyone in the congregation is invited to offer names of folks who might lead well on the following leadership committees: Trustees (property oversight), Administrative Board (churchwide strategic direction and decisions), Finance (tending to and raising the budget), and Staff Parish (personnel). Share names with James, who chairs this by rule of Methodism, at james@mpumc.org.

Wednesday Bible Study, October 13, Live at 11:00 a.m. and viewable later: Join Dr. Howell and Luke Powery, Dean of the Duke Chapel. They will talk about the prophet Ezekiel and especially the hope in his vision of 'dem bones. Watch live on [Facebook live](#) or [Livestream](#). Also available on [YouTube](#).

Flu Shot Clinic Sponsored by Walgreens, October 13, 1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., under the portico of the Parish Life Building: No appointments needed! Flu shots for ages 10 and older. The higher dose senior vaccine will be available.

Young Adults Monthly Brew, October 14, 7:00 p.m., Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: What better way to enjoy fall! Join us for a drink or food and to meet new friends and catch up with old friends! We will meet outside. Masks are required except when drinking or eating. Questions? Email Caitlin Stanley at pattoncr2@gmail.com. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Review Your Medicare Coverage During Open Enrollment Period, October 15–December 7: Our Health Ministry team encourages you to review your current health and drug plans and to consider your options for 2022. The North Carolina Department of Insurance’s SHIP program can offer helpful information. Contact SHIP at 1-855-408-1212 or ncdoi.ncshiip@ncdoi.gov. Limited virtual consultations may be available locally. For information, please contact Carmen Rivera at crivera@mpumc.org.

Middle School Mayhem, October 22, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.: Join us for a night at Awe Shucks Corn Maze. We will gather at the church and ride together in the church vans. Cost is \$15 per youth, and everyone needs to bring money for dinner. We need parent volunteers/van drivers. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Phantom of the Organ, October 27, 7:00 p.m., Livestream: Tune in for a fun program featuring Heroes and Villains from your favorite movies. Our Children’s Choirs and a few of our own MPUMC members will sing, and Evan Wesley Currie will play our fabulous Aeolian-Skinner organ! [Click here to watch live or watch later.](#)

Fall Block Party, October 29, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Parish Life Building Parking Lot: Round up your friends and neighbors, grab your tailgate chairs and picnic blankets, and head over to MPUMC in costume (if you so desire) for an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages. Purchase dinner and dessert from our food trucks, which will serve family-friendly dinner options and desserts. Then enjoy music and entertainment provided by DJ Jeremy. Please bring pre-packaged, individual nut-free snacks for Missions’ collection for school partners.

For The Love of Reading, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.: Starting mid-October, we will read in person with 2nd grade students at Marie G. Davis. All we need now is YOU to volunteer with us! For more information or to sign up, email Amie Rucker at amierucker@gmail.com.

To stay connected, check out <http://www.myersparkumc.org> for a complete list of events and opportunities.



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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