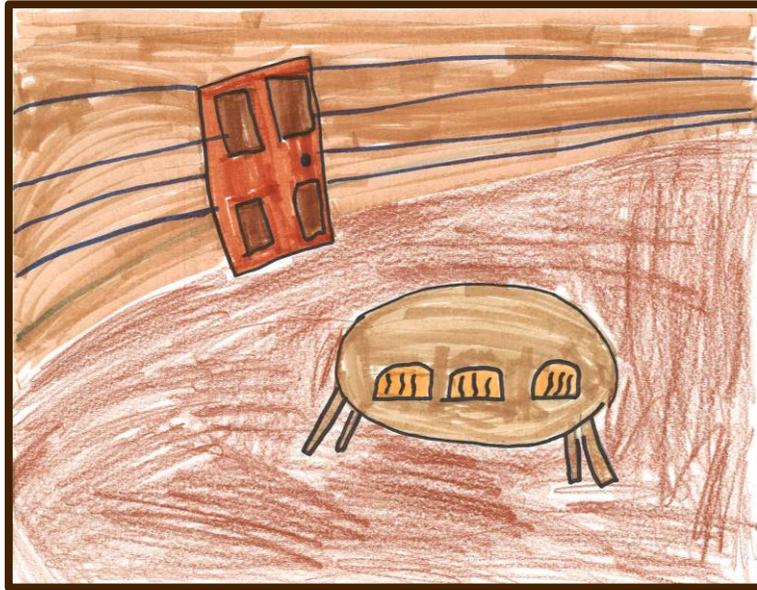


Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Ben Ricketts, age 10

A Service of Christian Worship

January 16, 2022

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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

WE GATHER

Introit

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Joel Raney

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

† Call to Worship

How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place

Paul Tate

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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God!

† **Hymn No. 327**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace! Whose power a scepter sways.
From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
All hail! Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

† **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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† The Gospel Reading

Luke 11:5-13

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Choral Call to Prayer

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

“Zion's Walls” from *The Tenderland* (8:30)

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers come,
Sisters and brothers come,
Join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion,
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

† 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. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Jason D. Payne

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Resident Bishop



LITURGISTS

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



LAY READERS

Lynn Hankins (8:30)
Jamie Rodway (9:45)
Whit Wilks (11:00)



MUSICIANS

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Sue Bayne, piano



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Access Interpreting Services (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

Dean Lowery (8:30)
Claire Grimes (9:45)
Colin Murdock (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Clara Lowery and Leighton Paone (8:30)
Liza Grimes and John Grimes (9:45)
Sally Shull and Larson Shull (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Grant Paone (8:30)
Brynn Vernon (9:45)
James Murdock (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 loving memory of *John and Alice Gasbarro* and *Earl and Margaret Page* by *John and Carol Gasbarro*.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is *John Crawford Anderson*, son of *Kelley and Andy Anderson*; and *William Charles Buckfelder*, son of *Cristina and Cole Buckfelder*.

Dr. Howell is preaching today in the Houston Preaching Mission at Central UMC, Concord. He will return to our pulpit next Sunday.

Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. is the resident bishop of both the Western North Carolina Conference and the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and is bishop-in-residence and a consulting faculty member at Duke University Divinity School. A local pastor in the WNCC for 28 years including many years at Providence United Methodist Church, Bishop Carter's great hope for the church is that she will rediscover an orthodox Christian faith that offers the radical grace of God to all people, and at the same time calls every follower of Jesus to inner holiness, missional compassion, justice rooted in the gospel, and a hopeful story of transformation.

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church Operating Fund! Your generosity brings to life the many ministries of our church, including small groups and Bible studies, Ready. Set. Pray., and Congregational Care's Sole Friends. Make your offering today at www.myersparkumc.org/give or by mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Children's Sunday School and Youth Starting Point Will Not Meet today and January 23.

Sunday Night Youth and Confirmation Will Not Meet today and January 23.

Church Closed Monday, January 17: Those needing help on these days can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

Wednesday Bible Study, January 19, live at 11:00 a.m. and viewable later: Join us as Dr. Howell talks with Dr. Gary Gunderson about "Jesus and...Mental Health." What could be more important during these days of the pandemic, a dizzying culture of tension, and inner struggles we all face? Does Jesus simply heal? Can faith be unhealthy? What would a healthy following of Jesus look like? What can our church do and be? A professor at Wake Forest, Dr. Gunderson is a nationally known leader in public health, mental health and congregational health, and has led the Interfaith Health Program at the Jimmy Carter Center. He's also a United Methodist and parishioner of Dr. Howell's daughter, Rev. Sarah Howell-Miller. Watch live on [our website](#), [Facebook](#), or [YouTube](#).

Sign Up to Help with Room In The Inn, January 19: Room in the Inn is off to a great start, and we are so grateful for our partners at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Come be a part of this essential ministry! We host Wednesday nights in the MPPC Outreach Center and provide 12 guests a meal, a safe place to gather and sleep, showers, and fellowship. There are several different ways to get involved in this ministry: making beds, preparing dinner, hosting overnight, preparing breakfast, or driving our guests. Our largest need continues to be overnight hosts and breakfast preparers. [Click here to learn more and sign up!](#)

Playing for Keeps: Six Things Every Kid Needs, Sundays beginning January 30, 10:00 a.m.-10:40 a.m., Francis Chapel: In this six-week parenting class, Director of Children's Ministries Amy Jo Alspaugh and Director of Youth Ministries Jason Rhymer will explain how six things create the kind of history that shows our children why they matter to God. One of our pastors will join the class each week to explore the week's topic and why what parents do each week with their children over time truly matters. Reservations are not required but are appreciated to ensure enough class materials are prepared. [Click here to sign up.](#) Want to learn more? Click [here](#) to listen to the latest episode of *Beyond Baptism*, which dropped today.

New Year – New Studies, beginning January 24: New small group studies will begin in 2022. Led by clergy at various days and times, we will examine stories of healing from the Bible in “Time for Healing” or consider Henri Nouwen's “Wounded Healer.” Full schedule and details are [on our website.](#)

Disciple Fast Track, Mondays beginning January 24, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., room 103: Make time this year to read and study the Bible with others. By reading 3-5 chapters each day in each of two 12-week sessions, you will cover most of the Old and New Testaments. Experience video insights from biblical scholars, and share understanding with your peers in weekly 90-minute meetings. Details are [on our website.](#)

Fifth Graders: Sign Up Now for Faith Girls and God's Guys: Fifth grade boys and girls are invited to participate in five-week Bible-based studies meeting Sundays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning January 30. Facilitated by Kenan Gay, God's Guys offers tween boys a chance to learn how to make the best decisions about school, friends, parents, and everything else. Facilitated by Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Faith Girls offers tween girls a chance to read stories in Scripture and learn more about God together. [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

Sole Friends, February 12, 10:00 a.m., Parish Life Building Parking Lot: Join us for a time of movement and fellowship together! Sole Friends offers a monthly opportunity to step out in nature and explore the beauty of God's creation in community together. All fitness levels are welcome! If you have any questions, email Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at lsmith@mpumc.org. [Click here for more information and to register for our February walk.](#)

MeckMIN Seeking Members for 2022 Open Tables Cohort: MeckMIN (Mecklenburg Metropolitan Interfaith Network) promotes interfaith collaboration to foster understanding, compassion, and justice. We are recruiting 10-20 of our members to join the 2022 Open Table cohort beginning February 17 on Zoom. Meetings will be quarterly. Our cohort will include Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, The Muslim Community Center, and Holy Trinity Lutheran. Email Sarah Simmons at ssimmons@mpumc.org for more information or click [here](#) to sign up.

Yoga + Prayer on Zoom Only: Meredith Starling offers gentle yoga sessions on Mondays at 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and deep stretch sessions on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. These classes will be offered via Zoom only for the month of January. For more information, email Meredith at starlinm@bellsouth.net or Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at tbarefoot@mpumc.org.

Join the Home Repair Project Ministry: This community ministry led by Jim Walters needs volunteers to help with home repair projects such as installing bathroom grab bars, handrails, and threshold ramps for fall prevention and enhanced accessibility. If you have questions or want to volunteer, call Jim at 704-607-7157.

New Episode - Maybe I'm Amazed - A Podcast with Dr. James Howell: In his new episode, Dr. James Howell talks to Kaley Crawford, park ranger at the Reconstruction Era National Park in Beaufort, SC. Kaley tells the incredible story of Robert Smalls, who was born under bondage in Beaufort, managed to free himself, and eventually purchased his former slave owner's home and became a Congressman. James and Kaley also speak about the Emancipation Proclamation, its original reading in Beaufort, SC, and why experiencing history on the soil where it happened will always beat what you learn in a textbook. 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 access this and all previous episodes.](#)

Hope is Here! Check out this [exciting announcement](#) about our capital campaign! To learn more or make a commitment, visit www.hopeisheremp.org.

Update Your Recurring Gift Information for 2022 in Realm

If you are currently signed up for a recurring gift online through Realm, now is the time to update to 2022 funds. Click [here](#) to sign in to your account and then follow these easy steps:

- Click Giving on the main menu.
- Click Scheduled.
- Click the ellipsis (⋮) icon next to the recurring gift you want to edit, and select Edit.
- Select Operating Fund or Mission & Outreach Fund to update your recurring gifts.
- Click Save.

Contact Linda Edwardsen at lindae@mpumc.org or 704-295-4842 with any questions about your pledge. For more information about Realm or online giving, take a look at our list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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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