

Myers Park United Methodist Church



God as Architect/Builder/Geometer/Craftsman, Vienna, Austria

A Service of Christian Worship

August 7, 2022

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

All Creatures of Our God and King

Duane Funderburk

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

† Call to Worship No. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

† Hymn No. 140

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy 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!

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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}*

† 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.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, breathe new life into us.
Where there is anger, kindle understanding.
Where there is fear, fill us with peace.
Where there is division, form us as one.
May your love transform us, O Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

**...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. 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

Anthem (9:45, 11:00)

This Is My Father's World

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The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

Ministry Moment

Offertory

This is My Father's World (8:30)

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We walk by faith and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
not follow where he trod;
but in his presence we rejoice
and cry "my Lord and God!"

Help the, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you and seek where you are found

That when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light,
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

† **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. 710**

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

**Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!**

{Refrain}: **Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will strive
to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free. {Refrain}**

**Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life. {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**

“The People Respond – Amen!” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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LITURGISTS

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor of Lay Involvement

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LAY READERS

Leslie Lowery (8:30)

Larry Walter (9:45)

Fred Hunter (11:00)

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MINISTRY WITNESSES

Dean Lowery (8:30)

Frank Turner (9:45, 11:00)

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MUSICIANS

Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, Director of Music

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Ellie Dixon, violin

Chancel Choir

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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 register your attendance with us today: <https://form.jotform.com/201695904497164>

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is Blake Lillian Gunst, daughter of Hallie and Rob Gunst.

Serve Meals at the Men's Shelter, *second Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.*: We're seeking four volunteers each month to serve meals at the Men's Shelter. Come connect with fellow church members and hear the stories of our neighbors who are seeking the services of the Men's Shelter to secure stable housing and employment. Click [here](#) to sign up. The next opportunity to serve is this Tuesday, August 9.

Mindful Mondays, *August 15, 10:30 a.m., room 108*: Experience the present moment with compassionate awareness and discover or renew your meditative practices. You may also join via Zoom. Email Chris Mull at cmull@mpumc.org to sign up.

Camp Tekoa Weekend Early Bird Registration, *now-August 15*: This beloved family tradition in the mountains near Hendersonville, NC, is September 16-18, and early bird registration is now open. Click [here](#) to learn more, and click [here](#) to register. Questions? Email Amy Jo Alspaugh at amyjo@mpumc.org.

Marriage Matters Workshop, *August 20, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., room 108*: If you need to meet the premarital counseling requirements for couples getting married at MPUMC or you wish to learn the latest research on what makes marriage work, this event led by Rev. Bill Roth is for you! Registration is required. Contact Chris Mull at cmull@mpumc.org or 704-295-4815 by August 17.

Swing Into Fall, *August 24, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.*: Everyone is invited to join us at church for an evening of music, food, and community! Buy dinner from a food truck, enjoy live music from King Daddy, and catch up with friends old and new. We look forward to being together as we move into a new season full of hope.

Music Ensemble Rehearsals Begin Soon: *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises."* The Music Ministry has a place for you to make music! We have choirs and handbell ensembles for kindergarteners-12th graders and adults of ALL ages. All skill levels are welcome, and auditions are not required to join. Check out the [Music Ministry page](#) on our website for more information and to register for Children's and Youth ensembles and Adult Handbell ensembles. Email Sue Bayne at sbayne@mpumc.org if you have any questions.

Young Adult Summer Gatherings: Join us for a time of community, conversation, and connection with other young adults! All Millennial/Zillennial singles and couples are invited to gather on Tuesday evenings and for special outings throughout the summer. Text Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at 517-672-9089 for event details.

Columbarium Access: Because we value your safety and the sacredness of our worship experiences, the columbarium is currently inaccessible during this season of construction. In the meantime, we ask for your patience and that you make arrangements to secure the remains of loved ones until such a time as we can safely and worshipfully utilize the columbarium. We join you with eager anticipation in resuming visits and holding committal services in that very sacred space.

More Than Just a Gift Store: Looking for a gift for a friend or family member? Come shop at Goodness Gracious, our not-for-profit store where 100% of sales support outreach. Run entirely by volunteers, our store's selection includes seasonal gifts, home décor, original art, books, greetings cards, jewelry, handbags, and more! As a wise shopper once said, "Buying a gift in Goodness Gracious is like giving twice.

Maybe I'm Amazed - A Podcast with Dr. James Howell: In this episode, Dr. Howell talks with Slice Penny on his call to ministry, how mistakes can lead to new beginnings, and how small things within the church can lead to major changes in others' lives. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

Your ongoing generosity to our church [Operating Fund](#) and our [Mission & Outreach Fund](#) makes it possible for our church family to connect through worship, fellowship and prayer and support our most vulnerable neighbors near and far. 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.

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

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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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