

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Greed, Maurice Sterne

A Service of Christian Worship

September 25, 2022

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Jubilate Deo

Sondra Tucker

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. 181

Ye Servants of God

HANOVER

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

† 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

**Almighty God,
Our faith has crumbled under the weight of the world.
We have forgotten who we are, and whose we are.
Repair all that is broken with grace,
build our faith with hope,
and form our hearts in your perfect love.
You alone are our sure foundation. 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.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Congregational Response (11:00)

**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

STUTT GART

**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.**

Anthem (9:45, 11:00)

Song of Thanksgiving

Brian Childers

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Epistle Reading

**Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Ministry Moment

Offertory

Song of Thanksgiving (8:30)

Brian Childers

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

† **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. 413**

A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

**A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.**

**To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill;
oh, may it all my pow'rs engage
to do my Master's will!**

**Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare
a strict account to give!**

**Help me to watch and pray,
and still on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.**

† **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**

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Jason Payne

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

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LAY READERS

Nita Mitchell (8:30)

Stephanie Newby (9:45)

Ben Crawford (11:00)

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MINISTRY WITNESSES

(8:30)

(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

Brian Childers, Director of Music for Children, Youth, and Handbells

Myers Park Bells

Chancel Choir

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Victoria Raymond (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

John Grimes (9:45)
Reid Weikel (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Sallie Scott (8:30)
Hannah Boulware (9:45)
Aubrey Weikel and Lucy Reynolds (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

J.B. Holloway (8:30)
Evie Johnson (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 loving memory of *Connie Owen* by *Durwood Owen*.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is *Hudgens Faye Justis*, daughter of *Hunter and Wes Justis*.

Dr. Howell is Away: Dr. Howell is with Rev. Nathan Arledge and other mission team members in Poland today, working with Ukrainian refugees there through our Methodist partners. He will return to our pulpit next Sunday.

Sunday Night Youth and Confirmation: Confirmation meets 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. 6th and 7th graders and High School meet 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Everyone is together from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for worship and snack bar.

Memorial Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, September 29, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary: Everyone is invited to this service of celebration to honor the life and service of Her Majesty the Queen, who died on September 8. Maestro Christopher Warren-Green and members of The Charlotte Symphony will present a selection of music as part of the service.

Good Questions, No Easy Answers: Join us this week as Dr. Howell explores the answer to another good question! Click the Good Questions button on our website to access links to this week's video, podcast, and emails. You'll also find links to subscribe to all three so you'll never miss a question! Did you miss a good question or want to revisit one? Click the Archive link on the Good Questions page to access all previous content.

September Collection: Our partners at Shelter Health Services need health-related items such as over-the-counter allergy medicine, pain patches, antibiotic cream, and more. Please consider donating using the Amazon wishlist [here](#).

Forward Begins, October 2, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Through this monthly ministry, 4th and 5th graders grow faithfully in fellowship and deepen their spiritual foundation as they get ready for middle school. Meetings are outside when weather permits. For more information, email Amy Jo Alspaugh at amyjo@mpumc.org. Click [here](#) to register.

Bread of Life, October 3, 7:00 p.m., Francis Chapel: Our friend Manolo Betancur of Manolo's Bakery and his friend George Elfond, CEO of Rallyware, will tell us how the war in Ukraine became a personal call to action. While delivering aid to refugees, they found a way to bring bread back to the people of Ukraine. Come hear about creating community through bread!

Wednesday Night Supper Begins, October 5, 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m., Jubilee Hall: Chef Hannah of Alternative Chef will serve chimichurri steak, green chili black beans, Spanish rice, and corn tortillas. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for adults 65 and up and children ages 3-12. Children under 3 eat free. To RSVP, click [here](#) or call 704-376-5520 ext. 6 and leave a voice message.

Midday Music, October 5, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary: Join us as Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist, and Eric Huack will present a program of piano music. You can also click [here](#) to watch live on our website.

Mental Health Series, Thursdays, October 6, 13 and 20, 9:30 a.m., room 108: Join us along with presenters from the Mental Health America of Central Carolinas when we delve into brief overviews of the most common mental disorders. Speakers will present their experience with anxiety, substance abuse/addiction, and depression.

Young Adult Fall Gathering, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Howell Residence: All young adults are invited to join Dr. Howell and Lisa Howell at their home for an evening of fellowship and food. Email Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at tbarefoot@mpumc.org to RSVP and for address information.

Sole Friends, October 8, 9:00 a.m., McAlpine Greenway: Join us to step out in nature and explore the beauty of God's creation together. All fitness levels are welcome! [Click here for more information and to register](#). If you have any questions, email Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at lsmith@mpumc.org.

Nominating our Leaders: It's that time of year when we discern whom God is calling to serve in leadership among the laity of our church. We have been blessed with great ones! And now we are seeking more. Whom do you see as an emerging leader, someone who might be a thoughtful wise person to work on our Administrative Board or our Trustees, Finance or Staff Parish committees? Share names, and maybe why, with Dr. Howell at james@mpumc.org by **October 9**. And pray with us as we sort through our best mix of stellar, faithful leaders for next year.

Faith Girls and God's Guys Begin, October 9, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Fifth grade girls and boys are invited to join these five-week Bible-based studies to explore the Fruits of the Spirit. Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot will facilitate Faith Girls, and David Cruz and Mason Rankin will facilitate God's Guys. Click [here](#) to register for Faith Girls. Click [here](#) to register for God's Guys.

Fourth Grade Day Retreat, October 9, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Anne Springs Close Greenway: Fourth graders are invited for a fun-filled day of team-building and outdoor activities such as kayaking and archery. The cost is \$26. Click [here](#) to register by **September 30**. Questions? Email Leslie Lowery at llovery@mpumc.org.

Flu Shot Clinic at the Church, October 19, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., room 108: Walgreens will provide flu shots. No appointments needed. If you have questions, email Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at lsmith@mpumc.org.

Third Grade Day Retreat, October 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Camp Canaan: Third graders are invited for a fun-filled day of team-building and outdoor adventures! Click [here](#) to see the fun-filled itinerary. The cost is \$75 and includes all activities, breakfast, and lunch. Click [here](#) to register by **October 5**. As always, parent help is needed and much appreciated. If you are available to help, please click [here](#) to sign up.

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 12:00 p.m., room 106: All men are welcome to join this group that meets weekly for fellowship and for study using their Bibles and the Upper Room publication for reference. There are no requirements to attend. Just show up! They would love to see you on Thursdays.

Maybe I'm Amazed - A Podcast with Dr. James Howell: As part of the *Good Questions, No Easy Answers* series, Dr. Howell talks to Dr. Carol Harston, an ordained Baptist pastor and pastoral researcher who leads the Eden Hill Initiative, where she converses with those who have grown up around traumatizing theology and helps them move toward healing. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

Beyond Baptism: It's Complicated: Navigating Conversations About LGBTQ: O'Neale Atkinson, Deputy Executive Director of Time Out Youth joins us to talk about the complexities of identity, to answer questions about how to ask questions, and share his perspective of best practices in holding space for youth. *Beyond Baptism: Wisdom, Hope, and Encouragement for Parents*, created by Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries, is intended for parents and adults invested in the young people of our church. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

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 Bible studies](#), [intergenerational women's gatherings](#), 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. 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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