

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Veni Sancti Spiritus, Adam Kossowski

A Service of Christian Worship

May 28, 2023

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

Pentecost Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

† Call to Worship

Choral Varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator"

Acts 2:1-21

M. Duruflé

† **Processional Hymn No. 539**

O Spirit of the Living God

FOREST GREEN

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living word of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creed in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

† **The Apostles' Creed No. 881**

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.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

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

Offertory

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Lloyd Larson

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† Prayer of Dedication

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

† Hymn No. 420 (verses 1-2)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

† The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*...through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.*

Amen.

† The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion

*You are invited to come forward as led by the ushers. We will receive by intinction.
Packets and gluten-free options are available upon request at the Communion rail.*

Communion Music

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn No. 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

**I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.**

**I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

**Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.**

† 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

Grand Jeu

Pierre du Mage

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor (8:30)

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions & Community Engagement (9:45, 11:00)



LITURGISTS

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care



LAY READERS

Zuri, Doug Caldwell (8:30), Scott Willis (9:45), Laura Bryan (11:00)



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 (9:45, 11:00)



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Tori Raymond (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

McLean Gaston (8:30)

Catherine Felkner (9:45)

Jackson Shott (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Sally Shull (8:30)

Frank Turner and Avery Howell (9:45)

Madison Shott (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Brooke Alexander (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>.

Today on Pentecost Sunday, the church marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' early followers. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church and the start of the church's mission to the world. The liturgical color is red, which symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Church Building Not Open, Monday, May 29: Those needing help that day can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

A Message from Dr. Howell: Thank you, my wonderful church family, for all the cards, calls, emails, texts, flowers, food – and especially prayers during my season of surgery and recovery. I have felt enveloped (literally!) in much love, which has encouraged and strengthened me. In an unanticipated way, I am more than ever humbled and privileged to serve as your pastor.

Dr. Howell, our senior pastor, is away on a sabbatical he was due to take when the pandemic descended. We celebrate this gift of time for him to travel, study, write, and rest.

Goodness Gracious Summer Store Hours: Beginning June 1, Goodness Gracious will revert to their summer store hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Regular store hours will resume September 5.

Common Space Begins Next Sunday, 9:45 a.m., room 108: Join us for this summer Sunday School opportunity that provides a dedicated space for discussion, intentional community, and spiritual growth. Whether you're looking to meet new people or reconnect with old friends, this gathering will offer a supportive and welcoming environment for people of all ages and backgrounds including new members, non-members, and lifelong attendees of our church. Make the most of your Sunday mornings by pairing worship with this unique opportunity to get involved. We can't wait to see you there!

Young Adult Summer Schedule: A seven-week small group will meet every other Monday at 7 p.m. beginning June 5. There will also be fellowship events on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Connect with Pastor Taylor at tbarefoot@mpumc.org to sign up for the small group and to be added to the GroupMe message for date, time, and location of fellowship events.

Midsummer Night's Serenade, June 7, 7 p.m., Sanctuary: Join us as we begin our evening series of recitals. Dr. Jennifer Corbell Hough and Dr. Jeff McEvoy will present an evening of art songs, opera, and folk music, accompanied by Evan Wesley Currie and Dr. Annie Stankovich. Join us in person, or click [here](#) to watch online.

Sole Friends, June 10, 9 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.

Zoe Empowers Trip to Kenya Interest Meeting, June 11, 9:45 a.m., Francis Chapel: If you're interested in traveling to Kenya in January to reconnect with our Zoe Empowers partners, join us for this information session. Executive Director Gaston Warner will be on hand to answer your questions about the trip, Zoe Empowers, and more!

Handbells 101, June 11, 2-3:30 p.m.: A fast and furious hands-on intro to the world of making music with handbells. Previous ringing experience is helpful but not required. Note: This is a great recruiting tool! Invite your friends who love hearing bells ring to attend. Click [here](#) to register and to check out the adult handbell workshops coming up in July and August.

Summer Women's Gathering, June 13, 7 p.m.: All women are invited to this monthly gathering to meet other women, have meaningful conversation, and grow closer to God. We hope this will offer time for support, community, and new friendships. Sign up [here](#), or email Rev. Jessica Dayson at jdayson@mpumc.org for more information. Next gathering dates are July 11 and August 8.

The Children's Circle preschool is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. We are looking for positive, fun, responsible people who love children and love to play! Our openings are in Toddlers and Twos, and we have two-day, three-day, four-day or five-day positions. To express your interest, email Director Susan Matz at smatz@mpumc.org or fill out the [employment application](#) and email it to Susan or place it in the mailbox (labeled Tuition) in the preschool lobby.

Missions Collection: Refugee Support Services (RSS) provides fresh food and groceries weekly to Charlotte's international refugee community. As their hardworking chickens take a summer break, RSS needs to provide a culturally appropriate protein alternative. Our Food Insecurity Team is asking you to please order dried lentils and chickpeas from this [Amazon wishlist](#). If you have questions or want to deliver the beans and see the amazing RSS program in action, contact CindyLu Brubaker at 770-655-5993 or cindylubruber@twc.com.

Border Immersion, October 19-25, McAllen, Texas: This trip will focus on the many realities facing communities on the U.S. Mexico border today. Participants will engage with local church leaders, migrants, federal agents, social justice agencies, community organizers, and those living the "border life." Cost is \$375 per person + flight + hotel + two dinners. Email Sarah Gillespie at sarahb48@carolina.rr.com with questions. [Sign up on our website!](#)

Save the Date: 2024 Women's Retreat, February 9-11, Montreat Conference Center: We hope you will make plans now to attend our 17th Annual Women's Retreat! Share with your friends, family, and neighbors. Early registration will open in October.

While Dr. Howell is on sabbatical, enjoy his video series [Surprising Things I Learned in Seminary...that Everyone Should Know](#) and his [biweekly emails](#), which he prepared to roll out through the summer. Click [here](#) to join the list If you're not already subscribed, and click [here](#) to access the archive if you missed an email.

Maybe I'm Amazed Podcast: Dr. Howell talks about therapeutic landscapes and healing places with Dr. Wil Gelser, author of *Healing Places* and retired Professor of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Gelser's major research interest is health care delivery, and he has made significant contributions to cultural geography, Africa, and social theory. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church Operating Fund. Your generosity brings to life the many ministries of our church, including [monthly women's gatherings](#), [Midday Music](#), and opportunities for [spiritual growth and care](#).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

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 [*This Week at Myers Park*](#)
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.

OUR MISSION

We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.



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