

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



*Part of the Mural on the Third Floor of the Center of Hope
Inspired by a panel of youth; painted by Mural Ninjas*

A Service of Christian Worship

May 19, 2024

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

Pentecost Sunday

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Viens, Esprit Créateur

Jacques Berthier

Welcome

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

† Call to Worship

Choral Varié sur le thème du “Veni Creator”

Acts 2:1-21

Maurice Duruflé

† Hymn No. 539

FOREST GREEN

O Spirit of the Living God

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!

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Glory to God. Amen.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Gospel Reading

Romans 8:22-27

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rite of Confirmation

Congregational Response

**We give thanks for all that God has given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully
to participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Offertory

Here Is Love (8:30)

Molly Ijames

Praise to the Lord (9:45, 11:00)

arr. Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation.
Oh my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shielded thee under His wings so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth.

† **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 GO OUT TO SERVE

† **Closing Hymn No. 61**

Come, Thou, Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

**Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, And give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.**

**Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

**To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

† **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**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Richard Elliot

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor of Lay Involvement
Sarah Simmons, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries



LAY READERS

Zuri

Martha Taylor (8:30)

Lowery Robinson (9:45)

Olivia Knotts (11:00)



PRAYERS

Emerson Ward (8:30)

Ella Hennessy and Michael Gribble (9:45)

Andrew Giordano (11:00)



MUSICIANS

Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, Director of Music
Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Nancy Hamff, flute

Chancel Choir



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Larnetta Way (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

Charlie Jenkins (8:30)

Hannah Boulware (9:45)

Austin Haenni (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Scarlett MacIsaac and Sully Rhymer (8:30),

Virginia Gaston and Emma Fogg (9:45)

Maren Haenni and Parker Zollinger (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Adam Murdock (8:30)

Shelby Stephens (9:45)

Howell Wiley (11:00)

Welcome to Myers Park United Methodist Church

Welcome! If you are visiting or fairly new, we are so honored you've come, and we look forward to getting to know you. Help us connect with you by signing the [virtual hospitality pad](#). May you encounter God's loving presence as you worship with us today. Be blessed!

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Anne Marie Wicker* by her family.

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.

Today, we celebrate the Confirmation of 70 eighth graders who are joining the church through their personal commitment of faith after a yearlong study and reflection. These students gathered weekly to learn, serve, and grow, mentored by clergy and adults. Together as a congregation, we celebrate this important step in their faith journey. Enjoy the special insert in today's worship bulletin.

Confirmation Art on the Altar: Displayed on the altar are mosaics that Confirmation small groups created together to share their perspective of God. You'll see waves representing grace, paths symbolizing the journey, and trees displaying the growth and colors that characterize God's love and vibrance.

Young Adults Meet, May 20, 7 p.m.: If you're in your 20s and 30s, join us for a time of fellowship, growth, and connection. We meet every other Monday and always welcome newcomers! Email Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at tbarefoot@mpumc.org to be added to the group chat.

Higher Grounds Café Soft Opening: Our new café located in the Center of Hope is now open daily from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., serving hot and cold espresso drinks, drip coffee, and hot teas as well as delicious pastries, empanadas, desserts, and gelato. We welcome you and your grace, patience, and honest feedback as we prepare for our grand opening later in May.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and our Health Ministry team encourages you to care for your mental health. All dimensions of our health and wellness work together and share an equal importance in our overall well-being. Check out the [Congregational Care page of our website](#) for online resources for mental health information and support.

Sunday Morning Shuttle on Summer Break: After May 26, our Sunday shuttle service will take a summer break. As a reminder, Sunday morning parking is available next to the church, in our Hopedale lot, and at the Myers Park library. Street parking is allowed on Sundays, but be on the lookout for signs indicating sections that are tow-away zones even on Sunday mornings.

Baptism Class, June 2, 9:45 a.m., Francis Chapel: This class will deepen your understanding of this Holy Sacrament and is an essential first step for those preparing for baptism. If you have questions about or want to schedule a baptism, email Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org.

Discover Myers Park, June 2, 11 a.m., room 108: Join Rev. Jessica Dayson to learn about our church and the beliefs and practices of our denomination. There is no obligation to join, but the opportunity will be available for you. Email Jeanne Poole at jpoole@mpumc.org for details.

Save the Date to Celebrate Rev. Bill Roth, June 23, 12-1:30 p.m., Assembly Hall: Join us as we celebrate our longtime and much-beloved pastor, Rev. Bill Roth, who is retiring June 30 after more than 24 years of service as our Pastor of Congregational Care. More details coming soon.

Music Ministry Summer Camps for Children and Youth: Visit our website to learn more about and to register for our summer music opportunities: Performing Arts Camp, Handbell Boot Camps, and Chillin' with Chimes. Email Sue Bayne at sbayne@mpumc.org with any questions.

Sign Up for Summer Fun Days: There are still some spots available for current preschoolers born between 9/1/2017 and 8/31/2022 in this half-day camp that runs July 15-19 and July 22-26. Click [here](#) for details. Click [here](#) to register.

Serve Monthly at the Men's Shelter, second Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.: We are seeking four volunteers to serve meals at the Men's Shelter. Duties include food and table prep and an opportunity to serve a meal to the men staying at the shelter. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

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.

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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