

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



Fra Angelico

## **A Service of Christian Worship**

**May 15, 2022**

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

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **WE GATHER**

#### **Gathering Music**

Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing

Cathy Mocklebust

#### **Welcome**

#### **Chiming of the Holy 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!**

† **Processional Hymn No. 383**

**This Is a Day of New Beginnings**

BEGINNINGS

**This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember, and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus,  
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference  
as faith and hope are born again.**

**Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
step from the past, and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**In faith we'll gather round the table  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.**

† **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**

**Eternal and everlasting God,  
sin draws us from you  
and from one another.**

**Resurrect our spirits,  
heal our wounds,  
and unite us with you. 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 (8:30)**

### **Congregational Response (8:30)**

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 New Testament Reading**

Acts 11:1-18

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Ministry Moment**

## **Offertory**

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

arr. Randolph Currie

Love consecrates the humblest act, and haloes mercy's deeds;

It sheds a benediction sweet, and hallows human needs.

When in the shadow of the cross, Christ knelt and washed the feet of his disciples,

He gave us all, a sign of love complete.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve;

What Christ in love so true, has freely done for one and all,

Let us now gladly do.

† **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 COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

† **Hymn No. 620**

One Bread, One Body

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**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

† **The Great Thanksgiving No. 17-18**

*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 God, 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**

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion, and peace.

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled.  
For young and old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free!

### **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.632**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether  
**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! Alleluia!  
Touch we now thy garment's hem.**

UNION SEMINARY

**As disciples 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! Alleluia!**

**So now bind 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! Alleluia!  
We will serve thee faithfully.**

**† 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**

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**† Stand as you are able**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**



**PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



**LITURGISTS**

Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Pastor for Emerging Ministries

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



**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

Bellissimo

Sue Bayne, piano

Sarah Markle, cello

Chamber Singers



**LAY READERS**

Keels Dickson (8:30), Chris Olzinski (9:45), Bob Truscello (11:00)



**MINISTRY WITNESSES**

Tranny Gartside (8:30), Royster Wright (9:45), Susan Reikowski (11:00)



**CRUCIFERS**

Emerson Smith (8:30), Liza Grimes (9:45), Elizabeth Willis (11:00)



**ACOLYTES**

David Rankin and Parker South (8:30)

John Grimes and Molly Mattson (9:45)

Lawson Surles and George Shull (11:00)



**BIBLE CARRIERS**

Holder South (8:30), Charlotte Goeken (9:45), Betty Shull (11:00)



**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**

Access Interpreting Services (9:45)

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*Welcome to*

*Myers Park United Methodist Church*

**Welcome!** We are thankful you are here worshiping 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 *Anne Marie Wicker* by her family.

**The Flowers in the Chapel Narthex** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Valerie Lemonds* and *Alex Taylor*, which took place in our sanctuary yesterday.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is *Lily Burleson Hodges*, daughter of *Katie and William Hodges*.

**Flowers for the Altar:** If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, email Peg Broughton at [peg@mpumc.org](mailto:peg@mpumc.org). Available dates: May 22, May 29.

**Mindful Mondays, May 16, 10:30 a.m., room 108:** Offered by Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith. Learn to embody the present moment with compassionate awareness and discover the benefits of meditative practice. Open to first-timers or those who wish to renew their mindful practice. Register with Chris Mull at [cmull@mpumc.org](mailto:cmull@mpumc.org). If you are unable to join in person, click [here](#) to join via Zoom.

**Young Adult Gatherings, May 17 and May 24, 7:00 p.m.:** Millennial/Zillennial couples and singles are invited to gather on alternating weeks at a young adult's home for community, conversation, and connection. Click [here](#) for details. Text Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at 517-672-9089 for the meeting location.

**Wednesday Bible Study, May 18, live at 11:00 a.m. and viewable later:** Join us as Dr. Howell talks with Rev. Dr. Will Willimon, Methodist bishop, Duke professor, and author of 100 books who was named by *Time* magazine as one of the 10 greatest preachers in America, and Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, our Pastor for Emerging Ministries, about what in the Bible has mattered to them lately and why. Watch live on [our website](#), [Facebook](#), or [YouTube](#).

**Confirmation Information Meeting for Rising 8th Graders, May 22, 5:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall:** All current 7th graders and their parents are invited to come learn more about next year's Confirmation class. Click [here](#) to sign up so we know how many people to expect.

**Midday Music - Star Wars Through the Ages, May 25, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary:** Come celebrate the 45th anniversary of Star Wars with a program of this fabulous movie music! Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist, welcomes a brass ensemble, featuring Brian Winegardner on trumpet. Join us in the sanctuary, or click [here](#) to view live online.

**Young Adults Monthly Brew, May 26, 7:00 p.m., Legion Brewing, South Park:** Join other young adults for our last brewery gathering before summer break. Masks are optional. Questions? Email Caitlin Stanley at [pattoncr2@gmail.com](mailto:pattoncr2@gmail.com). [Click here to sign up](#).

**Sign Up for a Summer Prayer Bucket:** While Sunday School is on vacation, use our Summer Prayer Bucket to stay connected with God no matter where you are! Buckets are filled with fun items that your children will use to explore a new way to pray. Click [here](#) to order one bucket for your family (\$12 each). You will be notified when it is available for pickup in the lobby of the Parish Life Building.

**Midsummer Night's Serenade, June 1, 7:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall:** Join Dr. Jennifer Hough, our Church in the Round Music Director, for this fun evening of jazz. Join us in Jubilee Hall, or click [here](#) to watch online.

**McAllen, Texas Border Trip Rescheduled, June 9-13:** Join us on a trip to McAllen, Texas for cultural experiences, opportunities to serve asylum seekers, and to foster our relationship with First UMC McAllen. Note: This trip was originally scheduled for May. Click [here](#) to sign up!

**Zoe Empowers Malawi Trip, September 15-25:** Travel with us to reconnect with our Zoe Empowers partners! We've been invited to Malawi to celebrate, encourage, and support new working groups of orphaned young adults and their mission of empowerment and hope. Click [here](#) to sign up for the trip.

**Join Our Team of Children's Sunday School Teachers:** Want to make a difference in a child's life? Want to get involved in the life of the church and meet new people? Consider being a children's Sunday School teacher this fall! Each age level (2-year-olds-5th graders) has a teaching team of eight, allowing you to teach just twice a month. We provide the curriculum, training, and a substitute list. Interested? Email Jennifer Whitworth at [jenniferwhitworth5@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferwhitworth5@gmail.com) or Katie Lundin at [katie.lundin1984@gmail.com](mailto:katie.lundin1984@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your ongoing offerings** to our church [Operating Fund](#). Your generosity makes it possible for our clergy and ministry leaders to provide Christian education resources for all ages through [podcast offerings](#), [Bible Studies](#) and [small groups](#).

**Maybe I'm Amazed – A Podcast with Dr. James Howell:** In his most recent episode, Dr. Howell talks to Dr. Henry Perry, a forensic physician with graduate training in sociology and anthropology who has three decades of experience in the management and evaluation of health programs in developing countries. Founder of NGO Curamericas Global, he talks about giving his life to serving others, global health, and how we are called to address this great moral issue. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

**Beyond Baptism Podcast - Youth Awanita Retreat Recap:** William Dodds, Ava Giordano, and Shelby Eliasek share their experiences from our long-awaited Awanita retreat. After an 18-month hiatus, we are back to weekend retreats and could not be more excited! Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

**Check out [This Week at Myers Park UMC](#) for a complete listing 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](mailto: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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