

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Good Shepherd, Kelly Latimore

A Service of Christian Worship

April 21, 2024

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Allegro from Concerto in D Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

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!

† **Hymn No. 127**

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

† **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.

The 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.

STUTTGART

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.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
Forgive us for the doubt that clouds our vision,
the pain that makes us hide from you
from ourselves, and from those we love most.
Free us from our confusion.
Heal us from our wounds.
Resurrect us from our shame.
Raise us into the hope and joy
that we realize when we are close to 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.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Gospel Reading

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

John 10:11-18

Sermon

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

Larghetto from Concerto in D Major (8:30)

A. Vivaldi/J.S. Bach

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (9:45, 11:00)

Mack Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

† 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. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

† 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

Fugue sur le thème du carillon des heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons

Maurice Duruflé

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, West Ohio Conference



LITURGISTS

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship



LAY READERS

Nita Mitchell (8:30)

Albert Dulin (9:45)

Whit Wilks (11:00)



MUSICIANS

Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, Director of Music

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Dr. Brian Winegardner, trumpet

Sue Bayne, piano

Chancel Choir



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Larnetta Way (9:45)



CRUCIFERS

Jed Ferry (8:30)

Ellie Harrison (9:45)

Frank Turner (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Parker Zollinger and Alice Hunter (8:30)

Kate Harrison and Brynn Vernon (9:45)

Emily Monk and Tucker Bryant (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Ellen Welles Hunter (8:30)

Cole Gregory (9:45)

Sam Bryant (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!

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 a.m. service are *Mary Elizabeth Jeter*, daughter of *Julia and Russell Jeter*; *Mary Scott McGoogan*, daughter of *Rebecca Pope and Graham McGoogan*; and *Jackson Thomas Surowitz*, son of *Jennifer and Josh Surowitz*.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sandra S. Eubanks* by her family.

The Flowers in the Chapel Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of *John Scott Carty*, *Betsy Nunn Kennedy*, *Edward Carter Kennedy*, *Rev. Martin Caldwell*, *Diana Greer Caldwell*, *Elizabeth Caldwell*, *Paul William Vogel*, and *Mary Lillian Blanton Vogel*, grandparents of *Madison Kennedy* and *Peter Vogel*, who were married yesterday in the sanctuary.

The Flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for *Mary Elizabeth Jeter* on the day of her baptism by her grandparents, *Gail and Russell Jeter* and *Elizabeth and Mark Rhines*.

Our guest preacher today is Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer, who has presided over the West Ohio Conference since 2012. A seminary classmate of Dr. Howell's, Bishop Palmer has served as President of the Council of Bishops and as a Duke University trustee. He and his wife Cynthia have two grown children who live in Charlotte.

The Journey - Myers Park UMC Handbells in Concert, 6:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall: Join us this evening for a concert featuring all of our handbell groups – from Tinkerbells to Southern Bells. Come see what handbells can do!

Young Adults Meet, April 22, 7 p.m., Francis Chapel: 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.

New Building Tours: The new building will be open for self-guided tours on April 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 29-May 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (no tours on May 1), and May 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers on each floor will be available to answer questions and provide directions.

An Evening with Adam Hamilton, May 1, 7 p.m., Jubilee Hall: Join us as Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, talks about his new book, *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*. (**Note:** This will be in lieu of Dr. Howell's Bible series, which meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.)

Do You Have an Inner Barista? We are seeking volunteers to help in the Higher Grounds café during busy times and for special evening events. Training provided in barista basics, gelato scooping, and point-of-sale technology. Email Britt Yett at byett@mpumc.org to find out more.

Wellness Drop-In, May 5, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: All ages are invited to stop by room 108 as our Health Ministries Team offers information and resources that nurture the dimensions of our emotional and mental wellness. Learn quick tips for self-compassion and engage in brief wellness activities that focus on kindness and gratitude.

Celebrate Rev. Nathan Arledge, May 5, 4-5:30 p.m., Assembly Hall: Join us as we celebrate our great friend and leader, Rev. Nathan Arledge, now senior pastor at Harrison United Methodist Church, who served eight years as our Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement.

Nourish Up Warehouse Volunteer, May 13, 1-3:30 p.m.: Join fellow Myers Park UMC friends to pack meal kits filled with a week's worth of food. You must register with Nourish Up (formerly Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays) in advance. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

Join Our Team of 2024-2025 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! We provide the curriculum, training, and a substitute list. Email Jennifer Whitworth at jenniferwhitworth5@gmail.com or Meghan Maciag at meghan.maciag@gmail.com to learn more.

We Need Just Four Vacation Bible School Volunteers: three shepherds and one Preschool Discovery leader. Click [here](#) to sign up to join us during the week of June 24-27. Email Raegan Cassady at raeganshaw@gmail.com or Jenny Hutson at jhlabrosse@gmail.com 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.

Performing Arts Camp, June 10-14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Rising 3rd-8th graders are invited to join us for a week of fun, culminating in a performance of the musical *100% Chance of Rain*. Camp fee is \$225. Click [here](#) to register. Email Sue Bayne at sbayne@mpumc.org with any questions.

Handbell Boot Camps, June 17, 18, 20, 21 (no camp on June 19): Join Brian Childers to take your handbell ringing to the next level! Children in 3rd-5th grade will meet from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Click [here](#) to register. Youth (6th-12th graders) will meet 1-4 p.m. Click [here](#) to register. New ringers are welcome! Email Sue Bayne at sbayne@mpumc.org with any questions.

Chillin' With Chimes, July 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Rising kindergarteners-2nd graders are invited to join Brian Childers for a morning of music. Learn how to ring and care for chimes, take a tour of our handbell room, and be introduced to all sorts of weird, wild, and wonderful bells! Click [here](#) to register.

Yoga + Prayer, Mondays at 12 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Francis Chapel: Join Meredith Starling for gentle yoga sessions on the labyrinth. These classes are offered simultaneously on Zoom. A \$5 donation is suggested. Email Meredith at starlinm@bellsouth.net or Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at tbarefoot@mpumc.org with any questions.

Maybe I'm Amazed Podcast: Dr. Howell talks with Greg Jarrell about the ongoing and historical systems of inequality that result in urban renewal and gentrification, and the role religion plays in that process. Greg is a scholar, cultural organizer, and the author of *Our Trespasses: White Churches and the Taking of American Neighborhoods*. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING SHUTTLE SERVICE

Don't hunt for a parking space! Ride the convenient Sunday shuttle bus,
which runs continually from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
between Myers Park Traditional School at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue and the church.

OUR MISSION

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



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