

Grounded in the grace of God, we are a vibrant Christian community, disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture, scattered to serve and to love.

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WORSHIP for JUNE 26, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Meditation* - Caleb Simper

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

Tom Evans

One: The fruit of the Spirit is **All: Love, joy, and peace.** One: From the Spirit we inherit

All: Patience, kindness, and generosity.

One: Out of the Spirit blossoms

All: Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

One: If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit.

All: Let us worship God together!

HYMN — Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure; pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Reverend Jack McAnlis

God of mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We seize prized possessions. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to take care of others and gratify our own desires. Forgive us, O God, and guide us to the way of your Spirit. Lead us towards your love, joy, and peace. Send us your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and help us to be gentle in our care for all of your people.

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Siblings in Christ, we are all called to freedom. Amidst thunderous storms and rocky waters, God reaches out to us in love. So let us proclaim the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE — Glory to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen. Amen.

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 16

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

All: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

One: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

All: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

One: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

All: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

One: I keep the Lord always before me; because the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

All: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

One: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Galatians 5:22-26

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of the Lord stands forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Breathing Room: Fruit of the Spirit Pastor Lester-Abdalla

HYMN — Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Refrain

You swept through the dessert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land.

When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

AFFIRMATION *of* **FAITH** — from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — Much Love to Thee, O Christ - William Doane Doxology — Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

> > Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

YOUTH IN MISSION COMMISSIONING

We rejoice as we recognize you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gift of service. We send you out with our prayers, our support, and our love. We pray God's blessings for you in the weeks to come and look forward to welcoming you home upon your return.

OLD HUNDREDTH

SENDING

HYMN — We All Are One in Mission

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We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

POSTLUDE — Postlude in F major - Alexandre Guilmant

QUESTION for REFLECTION

• When has the Holy Spirit borne fruit in your life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to Bulletin@MPCusa.net.

CONTINUING TODAY! NEW SERMON SERIES: BREATHING ROOM

In the midst of the extraordinary demands of this world and the moments of sheer exhaustion, we're often yearning for space to breathe and time to feel more connected to God and one another. Throughout the next weeks we're going to rest in the gift of God's restoration and replenishment as we create some "Breathing Room" in worship together. May you be nourished by God's Word in these days ahead and reminded of God's immeasurable love and grace for each of you.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Carolle Maust in loving memory of her husband, Robert Maust Jr. The flowers are also given by our MPC Outreach Committee in thankfulness for our congregation's continuing generous contributions to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Please continue to share God's blessings and pray for those impacted by the war in Ukraine.

The windowsill flowers are given in loving memory of Roy and Margaret Querns.

HEY MPC YOUTH! DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Get a jump start on your community service requirements by signing up to help at the Food Center this summer. Visit mpcusa.org/food-center to click on "Volunteer Sign Up" links to view available opportunities. Please email MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com with any questions or if you need additional information.

Get those pesky hours out of the way now! Imagine how jealous all your friends will be when they are scrambling to fulfill hours at the last minute! Sign up now!

SUPPORT YOUTH-IN-MISSION'S 2022 TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA!

We're expecting about 20 youth to attend our annual Youth in Mission trip to West Virginia in July. The group of teens and adults, commissioned today, will be traveling to Pipestem, West Virginia to make needed repairs to homes of residents in need. The group will stay at the Appalachian South Folk Life Center and, along with repairing homes, will engage in a week-long devotional on "Blessings".

Today! Car Wash & Bake Sale

Please join us today, Sunday, June 26, for a car wash and bake sale following worship service. So whether you are streaming worship from home or worshiping in-person, please plan on stopping by MPC for a car wash and to pick up some yummy treats!

Stock Sale

The Youth-in-Mission are also raising funds through a "Stock Sale." You may purchase a stock in the Communication Center on any Sunday from now through the end of June. You can also give by check or through the MPC Online Giving Portal. If giving by check please write "YIM Stock Sale" on the memo line of your check. To give online visit mpcusa.org/give and click "Online Giving Portal" to enter your donation amount next to "YIM Stock Donation."

As always, the Youth-In-Mission appreciate your ongoing and generous support!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BUCKS COUNTY NEEDS MPC VOLUNTEERS!

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. *Faith Build 2022* is their project of building homes in Bristol where faith groups and congregations have come together to put their faith into action! Last month they held the dedication of the 124th Habitat Home, and the 125th Habitat Bucks home has begun in Bristol. MPC has long been a supporter of Habitat in many ways – assisting at a work site, assisting at a Restore location, and making substantial donations. Interested? Please contact Ray Hendrickson at hrh1453@gmail.com or 215 495-3114 to be a part of *Faith Build 2022*! For more information on volunteering and to sign-up, you may also visit habitatbucks.org/volunteer.

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND KEEPS GROWING

Your generous contributions have totaled over \$13,000! Thank you for your continued support. Donations are still welcomed to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org), specifically to aid those impacted by the war in Ukraine. You may use a check made out to MPC with "Ukraine Relief" placed on the comment line or donate through the MPC Online Giving Portal at mpcusa.org/give by completing the box next to "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." The MPC Outreach Committee continues to monitor the situation and continues to ask for your prayers.



MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, June 26			WEDNESDAY, June 29		
10:30 a.m. Worship Service		Sanctuary	9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
11:30	Youth in Mission	Parking Lot	7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall
	Car Wash & Bake Sale	_	THURSD	AY, June 30	_
MONDAY, June 27				Oakville Girl Scouts	Room 220
6:00 p.m. 6:30	Cub Scout Pack 3 Mostly Motets	Room 220 Music Room	FRIDAY,	- •	
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Lounge
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge	SATURDAY, July 2		
	Parent & Board Meetings		8:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3 Committee Meeting	Room 220	SUNDAY		
7:30	Session Meeting	Conference Room	10:30 a.m 10:30	. Worship Service Worship Service	Sanctuary Livestream
TUESDAY, June 28			Noon	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall			
6:00	Pack 3 - Webelos	Room 104			
6:30	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220			

To view upcoming events and meetings, please visit www.mpcusa.org and click on "Calendar" from the home page.



Youth in Mission Car Wash & Bake Sale TODAY after Worship Service



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