

Word in Music Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

PRELUDE — *Prelude in C Major* - J. S. Bach

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

One: Know that the Lord is God!

All: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

One: For the Lord is good;

All: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN — *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which for our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Dear God, you are big enough to hold the whole Earth in your hands and still be everywhere we go. Even though we can't see you with our eyes, we feel your love all around us. Thank you for loving us every day. But God, we know we have made bad choices. We are honest today about the times we said mean words or hit others because we were angry. We have taken things that aren't ours, made demands instead of being patient, and ignored people who needed a friend. We are truly sorry for not following what Jesus teaches us. We want to do better, and we feel sad for the ways we have hurt You and our friends. We pray to you now. Please forgive us for our sins. Help us to start fresh today and to live in a way that makes you happy. Amen

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION *Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Just as God is big enough to hold the whole world, God's love is big enough to forgive every mistake we make. Because of Jesus, we are given a brand new start every day.

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. Amen.*

LITURGY of the WORD

READING — *What Is God Like?* - by Rachel Held Evans & Matthew Paul Turner

Caroline Thompson

SONG — *Do You Know Who Made the Day* - Hal Hopson

*In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth
And God said, "Let there be light" and there was light
And God saw that it was good.*

*Do you know who made the day, made the sun and golden ray?
God, our Father, made the day, made the sun and golden ray. God, our Father, made the day.*

*And God separated the light from the darkness
God called the light "Day" and the darkness God called "Night"
And God saw that it was good.*

*Do you know who made the night, made the stars and moon so bright?
God, our Father, made the night, made the stars and moon so bright. God, our Father, made the night.*

*And God said, "Let the earth grow green plants and trees.
Let all the plants and trees have their own special seeds."
And God saw that it was good.*

*Do you know who made the trees, waving gently in the breeze?
God, our Father, made the trees, waving gently in the breeze. God, our Father, made the trees.*

READING — *What is God Like?* (continued)

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Genesis 1:12, 21, 25, 27*

Congregation Left (Pulpit):

The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Congregation Right (Lectern):

Then God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds."

Congregation Left:

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

Congregation Right:

And God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. And God saw that it was good.

SONG — *God Made Me* - Michael Jothan

*God made the birds in the trees.
God made the bees to buzz busily.
God made the land full of black earth and sand, and yes, God made me.*

*God made the stars in the sky.
God made the sun to shine bright and high.
God made the moon to glow over the world and yes, God made me.
God made us all, both short and tall, poor and rich alike.
God sent the Son, the Blessed One,
to live a life like me, yes, live a life like me.
God made the fish in the sea.
God made the grain grow tall with the rain.
God made the world and infinity and yes, God made me.
God made the birds in the trees.
God made the sun to shine bright and high.
God made the world and infinity and yes, God made me.
God made me. God made me.
Oh yes! God made me!*

READING — *What Is God Like?* (continued)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Genesis 28:15 & Matthew 28:20b*

Behold, I am with you, and will keep you, wherever you go, and will bring you again into this land.
For I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken of to you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

SONG — *Behold I Am With You* - Philip R. Dietterich

READING — *What Is God Like?* (continued)

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Psalms 98:4-8*

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.
Let the sea roar and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
Let the mountains sing together for joy.

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Isaiah 55:12*

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

SONG — *I Hear Music* - William J. Reynolds

*I hear music in the world I live in, sounds of music in the air I breathe in.
Music in my heart, music in my ears. I hear music. God gave music to the world.
I hear rhythm in the world I live in, sounds of rhythm in the air I breathe in.
Rhythm in my heart, rhythm in my ears. I hear rhythm. God gave rhythm to the world.*

READING — *What Is God Like?* (continued)

FIFTH SCRIPTURE LESSON — *1 John 4:19*

We love because God first loved us.

SONG — *We Love* - Ann F. Price

READING — *What Is God Like?* (continued)

SIXTH SCRIPTURE LESSON — 1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;
and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

SONG — *Just the Way I Am* - Pamela L. Hughes

*I like me just the way I am.
You like me just the way I am.
God likes me just the way I am.
Sing Glory Hallelujah!*

READING — What Is God Like? (continued)

HYMN — *God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to night,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and SUPPLICATION

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 — *Jesus Loves Me* - William Batchelder Bradbury

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (verses 1, 3, & 5)

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

CHARGE

Sunday School Class

And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

BENEDICTION

Shalom, my good friends.

POSTLUDE — *Rigaudon* - Jean-Baptiste de Lully

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.org.***

REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE

This morning's service is a collaboration between Music Ministry and Sunday School. The members of the Sunday School classes wrote the prayers and liturgy and the Agape Choir is providing the songs. Many thanks to the children, their parents, the choir leaders, the Sunday School classes (aged 5 through 10) and all the other helpers throughout the year.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given "in memory of our Mothers, Helen Borden and Nancy C. Anderson, with love from their family." The second arrangement is "in loving memory to honor and celebrate Marilyn Jorgensen: given by her son David, her daughter Karin, and all of Marilyn's family. Marilyn passed on April 24, 2024. She had been a member of MPC for over 50 years."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, May 24, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of church officers. In addition, pending endorsement from Session and Trustees, the responsibilities of Trustees will be the role of the Session, thus eliminating the need for a Board of Trustees. If approved at the congregational meeting, the congregation will elect corporate officers in keeping with state law to execute any legal documents. This is the common practice in most PCUSA congregations.

CIRCLE MEETINGS TOMORROW

Deborah Circle will meet in the Lounge at noon.

Rebecca Circle will meet at 6:00 pm at the home of Beth Becker, 800 Hudson Drive, Yardley. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share. All MPC women are welcome. Contact Jen Jones for information at 215 962-3655.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES START NEXT WEEK

Interested in exploring membership at Morrisville Presbyterian Church? Our spring new member classes will be held on May 17 and May 31. To sign up or for more information, please contact the church office at office@mpcusa.org or 215-295-4191.

NEXT SUNDAY! PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

We had a wonderful turnout for our first prayer shawl gathering and will be holding another on Sunday, May 17, immediately after service in room 220. All supplies will be provided. No experience needed as many will confirm it is very easy to learn. Bring a friend and join in the fun by gathering together to serve in this new way.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR A NIGHT AT THE BALLGAME

Join us on Saturday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. when MPC will be heading out to a Trenton Thunder baseball game for a night of fun, fellowship, and fireworks! Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Lisa Zazzu at (267) 994-2153. Reserve your tickets by Wednesday, June 3. Suggested donation \$10.



HAVE SOMETHING FOR CURRENTS?

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of *Currents* is May 15. If you have any information or photos from your committee or group you would like to share with the congregation, please email Damon Miller at damonmiller@mpcusa.org. The edition will be published the first week of June.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY

The Communications and Evangelism committee will once again host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25. This continues to be a great success each year!

We are looking for volunteers and donations to help us welcome the parade participants as they gather to begin the parade. Setup begins at 7:30 a.m. and we are usually cleaned up by 9:30. We offer water and hand-held foods like granola bars and bananas, and make rest rooms available.

Donations requested include:

- bottled water
- bananas and apples
- granola or cereal bars
- donuts or small baked goods
- bags of ice
- coolers to hold bottled water (with your name clearly marked so we can return them to you)



Please contact Damon Miller at damonmiller@mpcusa.org if you are able to volunteer or donate any items. Come and join us so we can welcome our fellow neighbors to our church as they begin our community's Memorial Day celebration!

5K & FUN RUN TO SUPPORT IVINS OUTREACH CENTER

Support the Ivins Outreach Center's "Run Through History 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run" on Saturday, June 13, 2026, by participating as a runner, walker, or donor. Proceeds from the race support Ivins Outreach Center's Cancer Care and Staying at Home initiatives. The Run Through History 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. and invites participants to become part of a living story that connects Morrisville, Bucks County, Trenton, and Philadelphia to the birth of the United States.

The race will start in Williamson Park, which was originally an island with several mills built in the mid-1700s along the raceway between the riverbank and the island. The race crosses the Delaware Canal State Park and to Summerseat. Summerseat served as George Washington's headquarters between December 8 and 14, 1776, and was later purchased by Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The race reverses back to the canal for a brief run to the Calhoun Street Bridge, then atop the flood-control dike to the Trenton Makes Bridge and returns to Williamson Park and the finish.

To register for the event online, use the QR code or [click here](#). Details and race-day or mailable registration may be [found here](#).



FOOD CENTER'S MAY REQUEST

For the month of May, the requested food donation is cookies. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP'S NEXT READ

The final reading this session will be *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott. The book will be discussed on Monday, May 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. You can also attend by Zoom. Contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com or the church office at office@mpcusa.org for link and more information.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, May 31, for our spring all-church picnic immediately following worship in Memorial Garden (weather permitting) or Fellowship Hall. Bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org.



MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, May 10

10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

MONDAY, May 11

Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
Noon	Worship Committee	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Rebecca Circle	Offsite
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 220 & 122
6:30	Scouts Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4

TUESDAY, May 12

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery School Projects	Room 220

WEDNESDAY, May 13

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, May 14

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Weekday Nursery School Board Meeting	Room 225
7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, May 15

SATURDAY, May 16

9:00 a.m.	Newtown Quilters Guild	Conference Room
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SUNDAY, May 17

9:30 a.m.	New Member Class (1st Session)	Lounge
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel
11:45	New Member Class (2nd Session)	Lounge
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

Want to know when a future event is taking place or want to book a room for your committee or group? Check out the MPC calendar at mpcusa.org/calendar to see when events take place and room availability.

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