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G A T H E R I N G

**PRELUDE** — *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* - William Moore

Yun Kang

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Cynthia Lang

One: Come worship the God who creates us,

**All: Who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.**

One: Come worship the God who challenges us,

**All: Who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.**

One: Come worship the God who calls us,

**All: Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

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

**All: Who binds us in community and beckons us to follow.**

**HYMN** — *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

*I sing the mighty power of God that made mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.  
I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!  
There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving other gods. We speak lies, accept lies, live lies, destroying others and ourselves along the way. Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you. Embolden our trust in your faithfulness and settle your truth in our hearts.

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION**

*Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

**PROMISE of FORGIVENESS**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever. Beyond the cross, beyond the grave, beyond our sin,  
God's steadfast love endures forever. 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. Amen.*

# LITURGY of the WORD

## PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 107:1-9, 43*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those the Lord redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and the south.**

One: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and the Lord delivered them from their distress; the Lord led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.**

One: Let them thank the Lord for the Lord's steadfast love, for the Lord's wonderful works to humankind. For the Lord satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry the Lord fills with good things.

**All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Luke 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord will stand forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Take Care*

Pastor Jayme Babczak

## HYMN — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise,  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.*

*Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.*

*Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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. 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 — *My Tribute* - Andraé Crouch

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.*

Song Trio  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

**S E N D I N G**

**HYMN** — *Our Hope, Our Life*

*Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we honor and confess.  
Why crave renown or opulence? They fade, those things we now possess.  
Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they cherish will decay;  
and still the ransom for a soul remains a price too great to pay.  
Though wealth or learning may be ours, or fame that spreads throughout the land,  
the shackles of mortality present so much that we have planned.  
Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny:  
the Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally.*

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**POSTLUDE** — *Bolero De Concert* - Louis Wely

**QUESTIONS for REFLECTION**

- How have you felt God's love this week?
- How have you shared God's love this week?

## 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](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.net).*

### **TODAY WE WELCOME PASTOR JAYME BABCZAK TO THE PULPIT**

Jayne is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ with a passion for creative expressions of interfaith, ecumenical, and all-ages ministry. Originally from Reading, PA, she has served churches in her hometown, Richmond, VA and Yarmouth, ME. She holds Masters degrees in Divinity and Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary. She also loves memorizing Broadway soundtracks, coaching little league softball, and going on adventures with her beloved pup, Darby.

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given with much gratitude by Frank and Suzanne Barletto for all of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us as we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. The second arrangement is given in memory of William "Billy" Roberts and Albert "Don" Roberts by the Danbury, Roberts, Herman and Spart families.

### **WAKING UP WHITE**

We will be having a discussion at MPC on the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving. This is a chance for us to explore questions and issues of identity and race as we strive each day to become better Christians and members of our community. This book was selected by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for a presbytery-wide discussion in 2016. We hope all will feel free to join this discussion, whether these are issues you have been exploring for a long time or whether you are looking for a place to start. The only prerequisites are reading the book (or as much as you can) and an interest in conversation with fellow members of your church family! We plan to meet for one two-hour session, tentatively Sunday, August 21, from noon - 2:00 p.m. following worship. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please email Pastor Alex at [alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net) if you are interested in joining and whether the August date and time works for you. **Also, please let Pastor Alex know if you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you.**



**Youth Pool Party**

**Saturday, August 6, 4:30 p.m.**

**The Stoner's home - 33 Montague Ave., Ewing, NJ 08628**  
**(approximately 15 minutes from MPC)**

*Whether you attended Youth Club this past year, or were on the mission trip to WV, or are looking forward to being a part of either of these activities in the future, come join us for a pool party!*

### **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](http://mpcusa.org/food-center) to click on "Volunteer Sign Up" links to view available opportunities. Please email [MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### **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](http://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](http://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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://habitatbucks.org/volunteer).

## **Introducing mobile giving**

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## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, July 31

10:30 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary	
10:30 <b>Worship Service</b>	Livestream	

### MONDAY, August 1

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220	
6:30 Mostly Motets	Music Room	
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall	
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge	
Parent & Board Meetings		

### TUESDAY, August 2

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall	
6:00 Pack 3 - Webelos	Room 104	
7:00 Food Center	Parking Lot	

### WEDNESDAY, August 3

9:00 a.m. Food Center	Parking Lot	
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220	
7:00 Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall	

### THURSDAY, August 4

Noon Private Event	Fellowship Hall	
6:00 p.m. Oakville Girl Scouts	Room 220	
7:00 Weekday Nursery School	Lounge	
Board Meeting		

### FRIDAY, August 5

Noon Ivins Outreach Center	Fellowship Hall	
Setup		
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	Lounge	

### SATURDAY, August 6

8:00 a.m. Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220	
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### SUNDAY, August 7

10:30 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b>		Sanctuary
10:30 <b>Worship Service</b>		Livestream
Noon Deacon Meeting		Conference Room

To view upcoming events and meetings,  
please visit [www.mpcusa.org](http://www.mpcusa.org) and click on "Calendar" from the home page.

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