



*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
FOURTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

PRELUDE — *Prelude in A Major* - Camille Saint-Saëns

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

Greg Neiman, Liturgist

One: Return to the Lord with all your heart.

All: For God is gracious and merciful. It is through Jesus Christ we are reconciled to God. This is not our own doing, but is a gift from God.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

HYMN — *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

*When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!*

*And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O gracious God, forgive the blindness in our hearts that only sees the sin in others and not in ourselves. Forgive the sins that everyone can see in us and those we try to keep hidden in the secret places of our lives. Send the goodness of your grace upon us as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Listen to the promise of the scriptures and make it your own. God sent his son to us, not to condemn us or to scold us or to punish us, but love us and forgive us. So believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia. Praise the Lord.

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 LESSON — *Matthew 11:28-30*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Caroline Thompson

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — *Genesis 21:1-21*

Rev. Dr. Carter Lester

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God Was With the Boy

Rev. Dr. Lester

HYMN — *This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — *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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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 — *Blessed Assurance* - Phoebe Knapp

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 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changed not; compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Refrain

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, written thousand beside!*

Refrain

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *March* - G. F. Handel

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.*

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Robin Evans “in honor of my father, Bill Fahan, one of the best dads, on the ten year anniversary of his passing. Greatly missed, greatly loved.” The second arrangement is given by Kathryn Jervis: “Happy Father's Day and Happy Birthday (June 26) to my dad, Richard Jervis, now in his heavenly home with my mom, Alice. Blessings to all dads on this day. Love, Kathryn.”

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

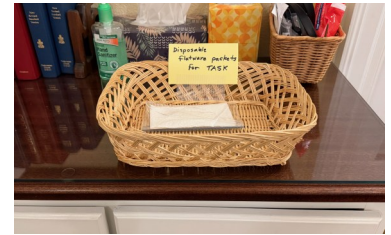
During the summer months, fellowship hour after worship will be held on a limited basis. There will be no Fellowship Hour scheduled for today. The next scheduled Fellowship Hour is June 28.

KEEP US BLOOMING THIS SUMMER: CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED IN JULY

If you would like to give flowers on a Sunday in July, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865. The cost of an arrangement is \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or in gratitude for an act of kindness or ministry. Not only do these flowers add beauty to our Sunday worship services, they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

DISPOSABLE FLATWARE PACKETS FOR TASK

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) routinely needs to purchase more than 10,000 packets of plastic flatware to distribute with their food. If you have a supply of unopened packets at home from takeout food purchases, we will gladly take them off your hands. A basket for your donations will be on the cabinet in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.



FOOD CENTER’S SUMMER REQUEST

Over the next few summer months, the requested food donation is whatever you may wish to donate. Items should be shelf-stable and non-perishable. Donated items should not be in glass containers. A marked shopping bin has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

CASHIERS NEEDED

MPC supports the commissary at the Morrisville Presbyterian Apartments through donations of money and service. Currently three MPC members volunteer a few hours per month as cashiers on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. If you are available to help out or simply want more information, please contact Carol Carpenter at carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com or 267-243-1951.

MPC Weekly Calendar

<p>SUNDAY, June 21 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Adonai Tabernacle</p> <p>MONDAY, June 22 7:00 p.m. Food Center Food Packing Room 4 7:00 Session Break-Out Meetings Rooms 200, 208, & 220 7:30 Session Meeting Conference Room</p> <p>TUESDAY, June 23 9:00 a.m. Food Center Produce Prep Room 4</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, June 24 9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution Parking Lot</p> <p>THURSDAY, June 25</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 26</p> <p>SATURDAY, June 27</p> <p>SUNDAY, June 28 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Youth in Mission (YIM) Commissioning Sanctuary & Livestream 11:30 YIM Car Wash & Bake Sale Parking Lot Noon Adonai Tabernacle Chapel</p>
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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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