



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 MAY 29, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* - John Dykes

Yun Kang

CALL to WORSHIP

Suzanne Barletto

One: Just as God the Father and God the Son are one,
All: So too do we seek to be unified.
One: Just as God the Father and God the Son love one another,
All: So too do we seek to love one another.
One: Light dawns for those who seek righteousness,
All: And joy for the upright in heart.
One: Let us worship our God,
All: Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of the war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they keep us from loving you and one another. Forgive our failings, O God, and encourage us to start again.

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. 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 97*

One: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: **Clouds and thick darkness are all around the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of the Lord's throne.**

One: Fire goes before God, and consumes God's adversaries on every side. God's lightings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

All: **The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim the Lord's righteousness; and all the peoples behold the Lord's glory.**

One: All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before God.

All: **Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.**

One: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

All: **The Lord loves those who hate evil; the Lord guards the lives of the faithful; the Lord rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

One: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

All: **Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to the Lord's holy name.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *For the Beauty of the Earth* - John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from 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.*

-- F.S. Pierpoint

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *John 17:20-26*

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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

Respond

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

HYMN — *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

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.

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 — *It is Well With My Soul* - Philip Bliss

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Song Trio
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 — *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*This new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.*

*Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.*

*Make us partners in our living, our compassions to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

POSTLUDE — *Good Christians All, Rejoice* - arr. Paul Laubengayer

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- After the events of this week, what do you think God is saying?
 - What might you pray in response?

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.***

CLOTHING CENTER UPDATE

The Clothing Center will be closing on Thursday, June 16, for our summer hiatus. Last date for donations will be on Thursday, June 2. No one will be working in the Clothing Center during the summer; therefore, we cannot accept donations during that time. Donations will resume in late August in anticipation of our post-Labor Day opening. Thank you for your continued support and please come visit us for some great sales before we close.

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

We're expecting around 20 youth to join us on our annual trip to West Virginia for our Youth in Mission trip in July. The group of teens and adults 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".

Stock Sale

The Youth-in-Mission are also raising funds through a "Stock Sale." To participate in the stock sale you can stop by in the Communications Center starting today, May 22, through the month 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!

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND CONTINUES

Your contributions are still welcomed to add 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.

BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

The Morrisville School District is collecting books to distribute to their students for summer reading. Books for high school aged students are especially needed. Please leave books by the Book Carts. All books left there through May 27 will be donated to the Morrisville School Book Drive. Thank you!

SNIPES FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER (SFEC)

There is a lot going on at the SFEC and it involves MPC! Recently, a group from MPC participated in Earth Day at SFEC. Trails were made in the woods, kale was planted (soon potatoes), park benches were refinished and the children's animal and play center was worked on. MPC members have participated in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program during recent summers by purchasing the farm's produce, eggs, meat, etc. Rebecca Circle held their May meeting at the farm to enjoy a "brown bag" supper, tour the facilities, and learn all about SFEC in the "Big Red Barn". For years, MPC has sponsored summer camps for under-privileged youth at the farm. Additional activities are planned for the summer – hopefully, a men's fellowship work morning, a family night, and a Youth Club fellowship to name a few. Might you be interested in a faith-oriented activity at the SFEC? Announcements will be made in the bulletin and *Currents*. Please visit snipesfarm.org to learn more, or contact Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net or Ray Hendrickson at 215-493-7812. Let's all take a MPC trip to the farm with a child or friend!

June 5, 2022

PENTECOST

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Communion

Rite of Confirmation for 2022 Confirmands



June 12, 2019

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

High School Graduation Recognition &
Scholarship Presentation



Last day to drop off donations

Thursday, June 2

Last day to shop before closing

for summer

Thursday, June 16

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, May 29

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Teen Choir	Music Room

MONDAY, May 30

Church Office closed

6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, May 31

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pack 3 - Webelos	Room 104
6:30	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220

WEDNESDAY, June 1

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible Study	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, June 2

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:30 p.m.	Oakville Girl Scouts	Room 220
7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00	Weekday Nursery School Board Meeting	Lounge

FRIDAY, June 3

6:00 p.m.	Pack 3 - Wolf Den	Fellowship Hall
7:00	AA Meeting	Lounge

SATURDAY, June 4

8:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
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SUNDAY, June 5 - Pentecost

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Worship Service	Livestream
11:30	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room

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

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