



*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.*  
MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP *for*  
TENTH SUNDAY  
*after* PENTECOST  
AUGUST 17, 2025

## GATHERING

### WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

### PRELUDE — *Prelude in F Major* - J. S. Bach

Fred Brinkmann

### CALL *to* WORSHIP

Dan Jones, Liturgist

One: The Lord of the Harvest invites all people,  
**All: To know God's love and extend God's peace.**  
One: The bounty is abundant,  
**All: But the laborers are few.**  
One: The Kingdom of God has indeed come near.  
**All: So let us worship God together!**

### 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 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

God of abundant love, you continually bring forth life: expanding sadness to include joy and despair to include hope. We can never control the ways of your world or fulfill your dreams on our own. Forgive us, redeem us, and help us trust you so that we can be your people, sent into the world in need of your life saving kingdom.

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

### PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved, hear this good news: As far as the east is from the west, so too is God's love and mercy for us. Together 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 66*

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.**

One: Come and see what God has done: God is awesome in God's deeds among mortals.

**All: God turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.**

One: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard,

**All: Who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** — *Passacaglia* - GF Handel/Halvorsen, arr. T. R. Carpenter

Summer Bell Choir

## TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Luke 10:1-11*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## MEDITATION

*Carry Nothing*

Rev. Lester-Abdalla

## HYMN — *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

LES PETITES SOEURS

*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;*

*I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.*

*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.*

*Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.*

*May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.*

*May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.*

*Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.*

*I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;*

*but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.*

*And with all of the family you saved by your love,*

*we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.*

## 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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

## 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 — *This Little Light of Mine* - William Farley Smith

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** — *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord I want to be a Christian, in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

## CHARGE and BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** — *Wer Nur Den Leiben* - J. S. Bach

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***\*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](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).***

### REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE

We welcome back Fred Brinkmann to our organ this morning. Fred has been playing for our services while Yun is in South Korea visiting her family.

### TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Bill and Melonie Burgess in loving memory of Frances Burgess. The second arrangement is given by Robin Evans "to commemorate one year of my Mom's passing: forever with me, forever loved."

### CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER'S SUNDAYS

If you would like to give an arrangement on a Sunday in September, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). The cost of an arrangement is \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness. These flowers not only add to the beauty of our worship service but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our church family.

### **LOOKING FOR SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION TOPICS**

Do you have a topic you are passionate about that you would like to share with Adult Education group? Adult Ed is looking for members of the congregation who would like to share with the class an experience they have had which helped shape their faith, a book they have read that enhanced their faith, or an organization they belong to which helps fulfill the mission of the church. If you would like to share with the class for one or more sessions, please contact Christopher Bannister at [bannistercr@gmail.com](mailto:bannistercr@gmail.com) or 401-932-3619.

### **SUMMER FOOD CENTER REQUEST**

For the months of July and August, the requested item is pasta. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

### **SUNDAY ADULT ED WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 7**

This year the Adult Education on Sundays will be using a curriculum titled *The Present Word: Judah, from Isaiah to Exile*. This curriculum will help the class to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs. It will provide a base for the weekly discussions, provide opportunities for multiple leaders, and provide continuity for the fall semester. It also will allow for a departure into other subjects throughout the year.

### **NOVEMBER'S WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Women's Retreat is being held on November 7 - 9 at the Sisters of St Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ. The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart from Princeton Seminary will be our leader. MPC women are blessed to have retreats subsidized by a fund established in memory of Dorothea Scheidemantel by her daughter, Sally. Not only does this fund greatly reduce the cost to attend the retreat, it also offers two scholarships that can be used to offset expenses related to retreat participation such as child care, registration fee, or transportation. Brochures with retreat details and registration forms will be available later in August. We are limited to 25 attendees. If you have questions or would like to submit your name to hold a place, contact Beth Curtiss at [curtissfam@gmail.com](mailto:curtissfam@gmail.com). **Remember to pick up your "Save the Date" reminder in the Welcome Center.**

### **YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP '26 - SAVE THE DATE!**

If you know of any youth interested in going on a meaningful trip of service and fun, please save the date for our trip next year, July 11 to July 18, 2026. For more information or questions please contact Dan Jones or Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla at [alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org).

### **BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Brown Bag Bible Study will be continuing with their discussions of Luke by venturing into the Book of Acts. Rev. Dr. Carter Lester will be leading our weekly discussions. The book to start will be *Acts for Everyone, Part One* (ISBN 13:9780664266424) by N. T. Wright. This volume covers chapters 1-12 of Acts. There is also a *Part Two* (ISBN # 13: 9780664268725) which covers the remainder of the Book of Acts. Both books are available from a variety of sources such as PCUSASStore.com, Amazon, or ChristianBook.com. If you need assistance in acquiring a book, please contact Christopher Bannister at [bannistercr@gmail.com](mailto:bannistercr@gmail.com).



## *Two Great Ways to Help Our Community*

### **HELP NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEAL**

The next scheduled Community Meal is Friday, August 29. Please note, this is the Friday before the Labor Day weekend. There are many ways help can be provided for this meaningful mission. Would you be interested in hosting this with your committee, friends or family; be interested in lending a hand that evening; have a great dinner recipe you'd like to share; like to bake some dessert for the evening; like to share some items from your overflowing vegetable garden for our guests to enjoy? We appreciate any and all help! Email [MPCCodeBlue@gmail.com](mailto:MPCCodeBlue@gmail.com) or call Dawn Flook at 215-962-9542 to sign up.



### **HELP KEEP BLESSING BOXES FULL**

At the bottom of the MPC parking lot near W. Trenton Ave, on the property of the Ivins Outreach Center, you will see two small structures resembling small houses. These are small community-based boxes filled with essential items such as non-perishable foods, toiletries/hygiene products, beverages and baby supplies. These boxes are placed in easily accessible locations with the sole purpose of helping those facing financial hardship. The idea is simple: "Take what you need, leave what you can."

These Blessing Boxes rely on the generosity of individuals to stock them with items that can make a significant difference in the lives of struggling families. It's not just about providing food or basic necessities; it's about spreading a sense of community, compassion and kindness. These boxes create a space where people can come together to help one another, fostering a strong sense of unity within a community.



To date, only a handful of people stock the boxes, and we are asking that you consider adding items to the box when you are able. Individual size portions are best, such as:

- Protein/power/breakfast bars
- Packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, or any crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Microwavable individual cups of soup, mac and cheese, or Chef Boyardee cups
- Applesauce or fruit cups (if you have plastic spoons, add those)
- Canned foods, but the pop top cans are best, of fruit, soup, stew, vegetables, tuna fish
- Bottles of water or some other beverage
- Hygiene items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, chap stick, tissues, or wet wipes
- Small individual size bags of chips, cookies, or snack items



## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, August 17

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service & Blessing of Backpacks**  
 Noon Adonai Tabernacle

**Sanctuary & Livestream**  
 Room 220

### MONDAY, August 18

6:30 p.m. Mostly Motets  
 7:00 Food Packing  
 7:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

Music Room  
 Room 4  
 Room 220

### TUESDAY, August 19

9:00 a.m. Produce Prep  
 5:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Room 4  
 Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, August 20

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution      Parking Lot

### THURSDAY, August 21

### FRIDAY, August 22

### SATURDAY, August 23

### SUNDAY, August 24

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

**Sanctuary & Livestream**  
 Lounge

11:30 Fellowship  
 11:45 Teacher Training  
 Noon Adonai Tabernacle

Conference Room  
 Room 220

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