



*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 8, 2022  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** — *Chaconne in G minor* - Louis Couperin

Yun Kang

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Tucker McCleskey

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**

Elijah Song

Gracious God, you made this beautiful world, but we have not taken care of it as we should. Please forgive us for littering the earth that you gave us, for cutting down the trees in the Amazon, for polluting the air and throwing garbage in the ocean. We will work harder to protect the world and our environment. We're sorry for not taking better care of each other; for not always being kind to others. When we hurt people, we are sinning against ourselves and hurting You. We ask forgiveness for every wrong we have done in this world. We pray to you to guide us to the light that is Jesus and to be the light for others as Jesus has been for us.

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION**

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

**PROMISE of FORGIVENESS**

One: Beloved church, the mercy of the risen Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. As we seek to follow the example of the risen Christ in our words and actions, let us give thanks and 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**

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

Kathy Foster

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

*Do you know who made the day, made the sun and golden ray?  
God, Creator, made the day, made the sun and golden ray. God, Creator, made the day.  
Do you know who made the night, made the stars and moon so bright?  
God, Creator, made the night, made the stars and moon so bright. God, Creator, made the night.  
Do you know who made the trees, waving gently in the breeze?  
God, Creator, made the trees, waving gently in the breeze. God, Creator, made the trees.*

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

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

Isabella Keys & Grace DiTulio

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 Jochen

*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!*

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

Courtney Neiman

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*

Elijah Song

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*

Courtney Neiman

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*

Isabella Keys

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*

Grace DiTulio

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 right,  
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.*

## 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 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 — *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

BENEDICTION — *Go Now in Peace* - Natalie Sleeth

*Go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you everywhere you may go.*

POSTLUDE — *Marche* - Franz Joseph Haydn

## QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- When you were growing up, what did you think God was like?
- If you had to describe God now, what three words would you use?

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

### **ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

This service contains elements of what would have been our service for Children's Sunday, 2020. However, children's music has been quite different - containing movement and cooperative games - since it started up again last spring and has included a much younger group of children. The songs are, over-all, shorter and simpler, but retain the goal of teaching bible stories and scripture through music so that it becomes easily remembered and part of a growing and developing faith.

The prayers of confession, thanksgiving, and supplication were written by members of the K-5 Sunday School Class under the guidance of their teacher, Kathy Foster.

Agape Choir members this year have included: Lincoln, McKinley and Harrison Bausher, Tucker McCleskey, MJ and Ben Rhodes, Rory Thompson, Rafaela Sibel, Isabelle Mathur, and visiting relatives of church families.

We have also recruited singers who were members of the Agape Choir in spring of 2020, but who are now alumnae and invaluable helpers: Grace DiTulio, Isabella Keys and Courtney Neiman, as well as Eliana and Elijah Song and Tiun Duong. Eric Moyer-Harrington has been a consistent and valuable assistant since 2019.

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR JUNE**

Once again our Flower Ministry is serving our church family. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement for a Sunday in June, please contact DeeAnn Martin by phone at 215-493-3865 or via email to [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). Not only do these flowers add beauty to our Sunday worship service, but they also provide a caring outreach as they are delivered to members who are unable to attend worship or are going through a difficult time. Each arrangement is \$30 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of someone or a special event, or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness.

### **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".

### **The month of May brings flowers, Mother's day, and our traditional Youth In Mission Car Wash and Bake Sale fundraiser!**

Please join us on Sunday, May 15 (rain date May 22) for a car wash and bake sale following worship service. If you miss it in May, or your car gets dirty again, we'll be having another car wash and bake sale on Sunday, June 26, following the worship service. So whether you are streaming worship from home or worshipping in-person, please plan on stopping by MPC for a car wash and to pick up some yummy treats!

### **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 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](http://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!

### **NEXT SATURDAY! POSTAL FOOD DRIVE - MAY 14**

After a two-year hiatus, the National Letter Carriers' Food Drive is back! Help is needed on Saturday, May 14 to sort and box food donations at the Morrisville YMCA, and then bring them to MPC. The Food Center benefits greatly from the food that is collected. Please consider helping out with this community wide effort. Sign up at the "Food Center" tab at [MPCusa.org](http://MPCusa.org) under the "Outreach & Mission" listing. Email questions to [MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com](mailto:MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com).

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MAY 22**

Please join us in-person for a Congregational Meeting on May 22, immediately following worship, for the purpose of approving the report of the 2022 Nominating Committee to elect new Church Officers.

## BOOK DONATIONS

Book distributions have reopened, weather permitting, **with distribution scheduled to be held this month on Wednesday, May 11, only.** The sorting by appropriate reading level is taking longer than expected and the hope is to provide additional distribution days after May. Volunteers are needed to help during distributions on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Please contact Susan Light at [susanklight@gmail.com](mailto:susanklight@gmail.com) for more information on how you can help and preferred books for donations..

## *MPC Weekly Calendar*

### **SUNDAY, May 8**

9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Zoom
9:00	Confirmation Class	Room 200
9:00	New Member Class	Lounge
9:30	Pre-K - High School Sunday School	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
11:30	Teen Choir	Music Room

### **MONDAY, May 9**

Noon	Deborah Circle	Lounge
6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Rebecca Circle	Offsite (check email)
7:00	Trustees Meeting	

### **TUESDAY, May 10**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, May 11**

9:00 a.m.	Food Center	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag & Bible Study	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Chapel
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Finance Committee	
7:30	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

### **THURSDAY, May 12**

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220
6:00 p.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Parking Lot
	Family Fun Night	
6:30	Oakville Girl Scouts	Room 220
6:30	To Live Again	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### **FRIDAY, May 13**

6:00 p.m.	Pack 3 - Wolf Den	Fellowship Hall
7:00	AA Meeting	Room 220 & Lounge

### **SATURDAY, May 14**

7:00 a.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Parking Lot
	Mondo Yard Sale (Rain Date)	

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11:30	Teen Choir	Music Room
11:30	Youth in Mission	Parking Lot
	Car Wash	
1:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	Offsite

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