



*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*
FIFTH SUNDAY
in LENT
APRIL 6, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

PRELUDE — *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* - Johann Pachelbel

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *Bless the Lord* - Taizé Community

Chancel Choir

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

CALL *to* WORSHIP

Wendy Yazujian, Liturgist

One: The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipper shall worship God in truth and in spirit.

All: **O Lord, may we accept your truth and welcome your spirit.**

One: Come, the time is at hand, let us worship the Lord.

HYMN — *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

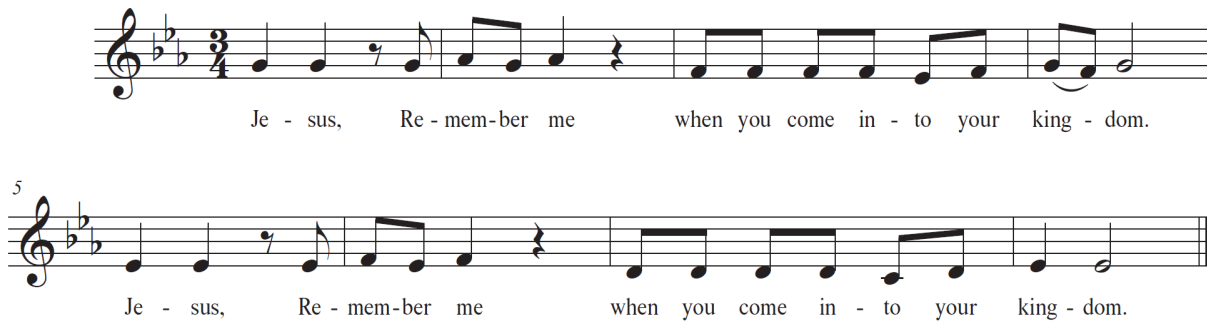
*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

O God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to save lost sinners. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sin. Forgive our pride and arrogance. Forgive how quickly we speak harsh and hurtful words. Forgive our indifference to those you have called us to serve. Forgive our broken promises to you and to one another. Have mercy upon us and blot out our transgressions. Hear us as silently we confess our sin.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS



LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 34*

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: My soul makes it boast in the Lord, let the humble hear and be glad.

All: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *On Eagle's Wings* - Michael Joncas

1. *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord. My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"*
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

2. *The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.*
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

3. *You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.*
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

4. *For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — selections from *Acts 12*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Does Anyone Remember Rhoda?

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*In a deep, unbounded darkness, long before the first light shone,
you, O God, beyond all merit worked a wonder faith makes known:
in your mercy, in your mercy, you embraced us as your own,
evermore and evermore.*

*Though our world is everchanging, you are constant, firm, and sure,
faithful to your covenant promise. Trusting you, we live, secure;
singing praises, singing praises, long as heart and breath endure,
evermore and evermore.*

*Joy transforms our lips to boasting only in your matchless grace,
sending Christ to dwell among us, Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
evermore and evermore.*

*God of Hagar, God of Sarah, God of nomad Abraham;
God of Miryam, God of Moses, Fiery Pillar, great I Am:
lead us homeward, leads us homeward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,
evermore and evermore.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from the *Heidelberg Catechism*

One: What does God's law require of us?

All: Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed* - Hugh Wilson

Song Trio

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.*

S A C R A M E N T o f t h e L O R D ' S S U P P E R

INVITATION

PRAYER of GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

MUSIC during COMMUNION — *One Bread, One Body* - John Foley

PRAYER after COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*

Refrain

*His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.*

Refrain

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

Refrain

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Nothing Can Trouble* - Taizé Community

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.*

POSTLUDE — *Song of Faith* - arr. George Blake

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 in memory of Dorothea C. Rimler by her son, Curt Rimler. The second arrangement is given by the George Pingor family in loving memory of Patricia Kish, wife of Allen Kish, mother of Joanne Pingor and grandmother of Jessica and Elizabeth.

DEACONS EASTER FOOD BASKET

Recognizing the ongoing food insecurity in our surrounding communities, the Deacons will once again provide a Holiday Basket for these families.

How You Can Help: Pick up an Easter Egg in our Welcome Center. Make a donation by returning the egg to the church with your donation inside by April 13 (Palm Sunday). Checks can be made out to MPC with the notation "Deacon's Easter Basket" in the memo line.

Your Generosity Matters: Your support helps us continue this vital food ministry. Thank you for making a difference!

LADIES NIGHT BUNCO!

Tracey Massey will host a Ladies Night Bunco on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share and join us for fun and fellowship! RSVP to Nancy McHenry at 215-514-9685.

APRIL FOOD CENTER REQUEST

During April, the requested food donation will be canned tuna. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

COME JOIN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Brown Bag Bible Study will be taking a Lenten journey through the Gospel of Luke. The Bible Study meets Wednesday's from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located on the second floor. Bring your lunch and join in for a lively discussion of the week's readings. Can't make it to church? No worries, join us on Zoom by calling the church office and adding your name to the email distribution list for the Zoom link sent out each week. This is a great time to deepen your faith and join in discussions with friends from the congregation.

Brown Bag Bible Study Reading List for Lent: Gospel of Luke

4/9: 18:1-14; 15-30; 31-43; 19:1-10

4/16: 19:11-27; 28-40; 41-48; 20:1-8

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 13 during worship. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. This PCUSA special offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. If you would like to participate, please write "OGHS" on your check and use the envelopes located in your pew. You may also give online at mpcusa.org/give. Please include "OGHS" in the "Notes" box in the payment section. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CLOTHING CENTER

SPRING & SUMMER DONATIONS

The Clothing Center is only accepting clean and gently used spring and summer clothes, as well as spring and Easter decorations. Fall or winter clothing is no longer being accepted as there is no space to store off-season wear. We are also NOT accepting Christmas or winter decorations at this time. All donated items (housewares, linens, accessories, etc.) must be washed and clean.

We are also NOT able to accept computers, tablets, stereos, phones, baby strollers, carriers, car seats, or highchairs at any time.

Donations can be dropped off any time the church is open. Please place items on the shelves downstairs by the elevator. Do not leave items outside by the church doors!!!

Come and shop each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until June 12, when we will close for the summer.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Through April 13, the Adult Education class will discuss *The Letter of Paul to Philemon*, a short book in the New Testament of the Bible. It is a personal letter written by the Apostle Paul to Philemon, a Christian leader and a friend of Paul. The letter is unique in that it deals with a personal matter rather than addressing a church or community. Paul emphasizes the themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the transformative power of the Gospel. It's a powerful and heartfelt letter that showcases Paul's diplomatic and persuasive writing style. It is one of the few letters written by Paul which has not been highly contested by scholars.

Classes are held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Conference Room, located on the second floor.

JOIN US IN THE NURSERY!

Looking for a flexible, fulfilling, and fun volunteer opportunity? Nursery volunteers are needed! Pick the Sundays that work for you and volunteer for as many (or as few) Sundays as you'd like. Two adults are needed to staff the nursery every week. This is a great opportunity to support MPC's ministry to children and young families. Come for the fruit snacks and stay for the lasting impact you will make on the littlest members of the MPC family. To volunteer, please contact Erin Aronson at enkernan@gmail.com.

Holy Week at MPC

April 13 - Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service*

Sermon: "Does Anyone Remember Holy Week?"

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

6:30 Worship Service

April 20 - Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service*

Sermon: "Does Anyone Remember Easter?"

*Livestream available at mpcusa.org

Lenten Soup Suppers

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Gather for a wonderful time as we share a simple meal and fellowship, accompanied by that evening's program.

Wednesday, April 9

Journey to the Cross
Reflecting on Lent
through art.

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Worship Service



Please RVSP

If you plan to attend a Lenten Soup Supper, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or write *Lenten Soup Supper and date(s) you are attending* next to your name on the red Friendship Pad. You may also call the church office at 215-295-4191 or email Office@mpcusa.org.

Volunteers Needed:

If you'd like to bring soup or other food items, or help with set up/clean up, please fill out the sign-up sheet or email Carol Carpenter at carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com.

Fundraiser

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Show this coupon for your sale to count!



8 April, 2025



12:00-9:00 PM



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2025 Easter Memorials & Honorariums

Consider honoring, celebrating, or remembering a family member, friend, or loved one this Eastertide. Contributions to these funds can be made in the name of a loved one who has passed or to honor someone in your life now.



EASTER TULIPS

Give the gift of Easter joy! Contributions toward tulips ensure that homebound members receive a tulip delivered to their home this Easter. Suggested donation of \$10.00 per flower.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Give the gift of music! Contributions to this fund help to supplement the music ministry program of the church. In the past, these funds have been used to invest in Orff instruments for enhancing the children's music program, handbell equipment, guest musicians, as well as ensure that "Word in Music" Sundays and other special musical offerings are possible.

DEACONS' FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Give the gift of food where it's most needed! Several times each year, especially during holiday seasons, our Deacons ensure that almost 100 food insecure families are given the gift of groceries.

Please COMPLETE and PRINT CLEARLY the form below and return with your generous gift.

I (we) wish to make the following contribution(s) to:

_____ **Easter Tulips: The gift of Easter joy!**

Please find \$_____ attached for this fund.
Suggested donation of \$10.00 per flower.

_____ **Music Ministry: The gift of music!**

Please find \$_____ attached for this fund.

_____ **Deacons' Food Basket Program**

Please find \$_____ attached for this fund.

TOTAL GIFT AMOUNT: \$_____

Given by _____

Email Address _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

(Please circle one) "In loving memory of" "In celebration of" "To give thanks for"

Please PRINT CLEARLY exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin (use back if necessary).

*Please provide payment separate from your pledged giving.
Make checks payable to MPC with the type of memorial noted on the memo line.*

**In order to ensure inclusion in the Easter Sunday bulletin,
this form must be returned to the church office by Monday, April 14.**

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
9:30	New Member Class	Lounge
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service -	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	New Member Luncheon	Lounge
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room

MONDAY, April 7

5:30 p.m.	Food Packing	Room 4
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent Meeting	
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:30	Youth Ministry	Conference Room

TUESDAY, April 8

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
9:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Conference Room
	Cancer Care Volunteer Training	
5:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Zoom
6:30	Educational Ministry Committee	Zoom
7:30	Communications & Evangelism Committee	Zoom

WEDNESDAY, April 9

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Sanctuary

THURSDAY, April 10

9:00 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
10:00	Clothing Center	Room 4
10:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Conference Room
	Cancer Care Volunteer Training	
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Music Room
7:00	Weekday Nursery School	Room 225
	Board Meeting	

FRIDAY, April 11

10:45 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Room 220
11:00	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge

SATURDAY, April 12

8:00 a.m.	Deacon Food Basket	Parking Lot
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SUNDAY, April 13 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
9:30	New Member Class	Lounge
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Welcome Center
	Bake Sale	
10:30	Worship Service with- Receiving New Members	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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