

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig* - Johann Pachelbel

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *Come, Worship God* - O QUANTA QUALIA

Chancel Choir

*Come, worship God who is worthy of honor,
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
He is the rock of his people's salvation,
to whom our jubilant praises belong.*

--paraphrase of Psalm 95 by Michael Perry

CALL *to* WORSHIP

William Byrd, Liturgist

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All: Extol God, all you peoples!

One: For God has come in the form of Jesus,

All: To invite all of us to God's table of grace.

One: Let us worship God together.

HYMN — *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carter Lester

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace. 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.*

L I T U R G Y *o f* t h e W O R D

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 117*

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All: Extol God, all you peoples!

One: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

All: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *We Gather at Your Table, Lord* - Irish melody, arr. Walter Ehret

*We gather at your table, Lord, grant peace and unity;
In keeping with your will and word, may we one body be.
Now let us take the sacred bread, our souls and bodies feed;
In heart and soul we shall be fed, your holy will to heed.
Now let us take the wine of heaven, for Christ, whose blood was shed;
That here we meet with sins forgiven and by his grace are led.
To you, O Lord, we sing our song, may we be one in love,
For we by faith to you belong, One! with your church above.
--Wade Alexander Mansur*

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Do This in Remembrance of Me

Rev. Lester-Abdalla

HYMN — *Come to the Table of Grace*

TABLE OF GRACE

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.*

*Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.*

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.*

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.

MINUTE for STEWARDSHIP

A Grateful Heart

Bella Keys

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Take My Life and Let It Be* - arr. Raluca Bojor

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 — *Seed, Scattered and Sown* - Dan Feiten

PRAYER after COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Amen*

POSTLUDE — *March Triumphant Into Jerusalem* - Robert Thygerson

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 celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Travis and Beth Keys. The second arrangement is given by Lynn Lang in loving memory of her son, Tom.

TODAY! PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. By supporting this offering, you are promoting ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict – including those near Morrisville, PA! The offering will be collected today, Sunday, October 5, during worship. You are welcome to go to mpcusa.org/give and type “Peace and Global Offering” in the “notes” portion of your online gift. Thank you for participating in this global effort.

NEXT SUNDAY IS DEDICATION SUNDAY

With a “grateful heart” for all that God has given to us, we invite you to bring your commitment cards to worship next Sunday, October 12. Worshippers will be invited to come forward and place their commitment card in the offering plates on the communion table.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Are you interested in exploring church membership at MPC? New member classes are scheduled for Sunday, October 19 and Sunday, October 26. If interested, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or by contacting the church office at 215-295-4191 or email office@mpcusa.org for more details. Members would be received in worship on Sunday, October 26.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The church nominating committee is continuing their important work of selecting eight members to serve on the PNC. As soon as they are selected, we will call for a congressional meeting to elect them. Stay tuned and keep the process in your prayers.

OCTOBER FOOD CENTER REQUEST

For the month of October, the requested item is canned beans. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

JOIN MPC AT HISTORIC FALLSINGTON DAYS!

MPC will be hosting a booth at Fallsington Days, Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stroll down Fallsington's Yardley Avenue to enjoy all the fun, food, crafters, vendors, and entertainment for all ages ongoing throughout the day. Ample and free parking is available at Fallsington Elementary School.

We are also looking for volunteers to greet people, provide literature, and answer questions about MPC. Shifts would be for two hours and begin at 9:30 a.m. to help with set up through 5:00 p.m. to assist breakdown. [Sign up here](#) or contact Damon Miller at damonmiller@mpcusa.org. This is a great opportunity to share with a grateful heart what makes MPC so special within our community and beyond. We hope to see you on October 11.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY

MPC is signed up to spend a day working for Habitat on Friday, October 10. We will most likely be framing for a new home to be built in Levittown. Please contact Ray Hendrickson at (215) 495-3114 or hrh1453@gmail.com to sign up and receive additional information. There are only four slots available so the first four volunteers "win". There will be more dates available so please contact Ray to be placed on a waiting list. MPC has been and continues to be a strong supporter for Habitat of Bucks County.

OCTOBER 19 IS BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

Blue Jean Sunday will be held on October 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Help be a part of the annual cleanup of the church and yards. Please contact Property Manager David Sterling at davidsterling@mpcusa.org for more details and to sign up.

CIRCLE MEETINGS REMINDER

Deborah Circle and Rebecca Circle meet next Monday, October 13. Deborah Circle meets at noon and Rebecca Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. Both meeting are in the lounge and all women of MPC are welcome.

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The MPC Book Discussion Group will meet Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting October 20 and spacing the discussions out six weeks to give folks more time to read!

The first reading is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamanta. A retelling of *Genesis 34* (also known as the rape of Dinah) from Dinah's perspective. Published in 1997, the book has been enjoyed by generations of women. Perhaps you have already read it?

The second meeting will be on December 1 to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Based on the author's own experience and the experiences of others he treated later in his practice, Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose.

The next reading selections will be firmed up following the October meeting. Other dates will be January 12, February 23, April 13, May 18. Please contact Shellie Stoddard at stoddard.shellie@gmail.com for more information.

FOOD CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

The Food Center is run by a lively and committed group of volunteers, who find the work rewarding and fun. Most people only think of the Wednesday food distribution aspect of the Food Center, but there are many behind the scenes tasks that have to happen in order to be able to distribute food to clients on Wednesdays. Currently, there are several opportunities available:

- Inventory Control (at home, on your schedule)
 - Monitor pantry inventory (with the help of on-site volunteers)
 - Order free food from Philabundance weekly
 - Set up every other month deliveries from our grocery supplier
- Delivery Receiving (Monday mornings, and occasional Wednesday afternoons)
 - Be on site to accept and unload food deliveries
 - Maintain and communicate with a team of 2-3 helpers
- Food Pick-Ups (at your convenience, every other week)
 - Drive your vehicle, or the Food Center van, to Aldi to purchase bulk items
 - Unload and shelf food in the pantry.

Please consider joining the team! Contact the Food Center at mpcfoodcenter@gmail.com to sign up and submit questions.

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, October 5

World Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Time	Lounge
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room

MONDAY, October 6

6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Rooms 122 & 220
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Food Packing	Room 4
7:30	Personnel Committee	Zoom

TUESDAY, October 7

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery	Room 220
	School Projects	
7:00	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot

WEDNESDAY, October 8

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom

WEDNESDAY, October 8 (continued)

6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes Rehearsal	Room 121

THURSDAY, October 9

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Room 225
	Board Meeting	
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY, October 10

SATURDAY, October 11

10:00 a.m.	MPC at Fallsington Day	Off Site
10:00	Newtown Quilters Guild	Conference Room

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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 takes place and room availability.

Mobile Giving

iPhone



Scan the appropriate QR code with your phone and find MPC by searching code 'FEDN99' or 'Morrisville Presbyterian Church'
Once set up, you can schedule recurring gifts or make one-time offerings with one click!

Need help? Email Office@mpcusa.org and ask that your questions be forwarded to the Stewardship Committee.

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