

Church In The Round

Myers Park United Methodist Church

February 5, 2012

8:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Gathering Song

Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Your love is amazing,
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain,
Firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry,
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded,
Your love carries me.

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising,
I can feel it rising,
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see You,
All Your goodness shines through,
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me. **Refrain**

Repeat verse 1
Refrain

Bridge: Yes, You make me sing
Lord, You make me sing, sing, sing
How You make me sing. **Refrain 2x**

Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen

Call to Worship and Greeting

Singing

Shout to the North

Men: Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Refrain: Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Women: Rise up, women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r

Of our awesome King of love.

Refrain

All: Rise up, church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high,
By His grace again we'll fly. **Refrain**

Bridge: We've been through fire,
We've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips. **Refrain**

Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.
Martin Smith

You Are My All in All

You are my strength, when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. 2x

Taking my sin, my cross my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all. **Refrain 2x**
Dennis Jernigan

Prayer Chorus

Heal Me O Lord

Heal me, O Lord,
And I will be healed,
Save me and I will be saved;
Heal me, O Lord,
And I will be healed,
For You are the One I praise,
You are the One I praise. **Repeat**
Don Moen

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Thanksgiving

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church in the Round
Singers and Instrumentalists who lead us in worship each Sunday
by giving of their time and talents to the glory of God.

Offering Anthem

Get On Board, Little Children arr. Greg Gilpin
(Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Reader: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet.

People: And a light unto my path.

Message

The 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

Oh Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;
And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

Refrain: I want to take Your Word and shine it all around
First help me just to live it, Lord, and when I'm doing well
Help me to never seek a crown,
for my reward is giving glory to You

Oh Lord, please light the fire that once burned bright and clear
Replace the lamp of my first love that burns with holy fear **Refrain**

And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown,
For my reward is giving glory to You.

Keith Green

Blessing

Departing Song

Amen, Amen

All: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen 3x

Leader: See Jesus at the seashore
preaching to the people,
healing all the sick ones!
Spiritual

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister	Preacher
Rev. Shane Page, Minister of Evangelism, Involvement	Worship Leader
Jennifer Hough	Church In The Round Music Director
Allyson Ware and Natalie Secrest	Children's Choir Directors
Beth Martin	Children's Choir Accompanist
Children's Choir	
Church in the Round Singers and Instrumentalists	

GOOD MORNING

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM at the 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary service is *Sarah Marie Crawford*; at the 9:45 a.m. service is *Anna Kate Li Yoxsimer*, daughter of *Sharon and Steve Yoxsimer*; and at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Pippin Elizabeth Manwaring*, daughter of *McCay and Kevin Manwaring*, and *Reese Evelyn Hackney*, daughter of *Tara and John Hackney*.

ANTHEM PREMIERES THIS MORNING

A newly commissioned anthem by composer Stephen Paulus, *My Help Comes From The Lord*, premieres this morning at all three Sanctuary services, honoring longtime Chancel Choir member Harriette Thompson. Read more about the work in the *Music Notes* in today's worship bulletin. Read about Harriette in the latest *Cornerstone* newsletter.

SCOUT SUNDAY Today is Scout Sunday, honoring the ministry and work of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and the adults who mentor them. Scouts today are in uniform, sitting together, and are also collecting grocery bags that worshipers have filled with nonperishables for Loaves & Fishes food pantry. Groceries can also be returned anytime to the cabinets by the front desk in the lobby of the Parish Life Building.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS Joining the church today at the 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary service are *Sarah Crawford, Kristen McCulley and Lauren Reilly*; at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Ryan and Lauren Allen, Jeff and Kristin Lawson, Carman Gillis and Don and Lennie Washington*; and at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Jarrod Summey and Cathleen Connell, Cindy Gadd, Jonathan and Jennifer Smith, Daniel and Stephenie Stein, Heather Wilson, Buddy and Heidi Magura and Walter and Anne Riley*. Please come to the front of the Sanctuary after the service to offer a personal "Welcome!" The monthly Newcomer Orientation to learn more about United Methodism and Myers Park United Methodist will be at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, February 12, in Francis Chapel, off the lobby of the Parish Life Building. Details: Rev. Shane Page at 704-295-4823 or shane@mpumc.org.

WELCOME, VISITORS We are glad you're here. You are encouraged to drop by the Welcome Center in the lobby of the Parish Life Building Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to noon to pick up information about our congregation, plus a simple gift.

WELCOME, CHILDREN Bright blue bags with activities for children are at the Sanctuary and Jubilee Hall entrances. Thank you for returning them to the door after worship.

HOLY COMMUNION EACH SUNDAY You can celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the small chapel behind the Sanctuary except when it is celebrated in worship services.

SUNDAY SHUTTLE CATCHING ON Don't worry about having to find a parking spot. The Sunday shuttle bus service runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between the church and Myers Park Traditional at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue. Signs mark pick-up and drop-off spots. Last Sunday, there were 147 riders!

YOUTH MINISTRIES Youth will gather from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. today in the alley outside the Youth Ministries Building to watch the Super Bowl. There will be food, games and prizes. For more on Youth Ministries, reach Lauren Taylor at 704-295-4832 or lauren@mpumc.org or Bryant Johnson at 704-295-4834 or bryant@mpumc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS NEWS Young adults will gather tonight to watch the Super Bowl. There will be no book study. New and current participants from age 20 to 35 are welcome. Details: Ryan Blalock at 704-295-4821 or ryanb@mpumc.org.

THIS WEEK

H.O.T. WEDNESDAY, HOLY COMMUNION H.O.T. Wednesday offers a meal and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Jubilee Hall. This week's menu: Almond chicken, rice pilaf, steamed asparagus, rolls, salad, desserts and ice cream. Weekly menus and prices are at www.mpumc.org. For reservations by noon each Tuesday, call 704-376-5520 (ext. 5600) or e-mail jsmith@mpumc.org. A brief Holy Communion service is at 5:15 p.m. in Francis Chapel each Wednesday that H.O.T. Wednesday meets.

MISSION TO MINISTERS The church once again will host *Mission To Ministers*, a day of reflection for Western North Carolina Conference clergy, starting with worship at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9. The event features workshops. Details: www.wnccumc.org.

PARTY IN PAJAMAS Children in kindergarten and younger are invited to the annual Pajama Party from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 10, meeting in the Parish Life lobby. Kids can wear their pajamas and bring a doll or stuffed animal. A donation of a pair of new pajamas is encouraged for the Pajama Program, a Charlotte-based nonprofit providing new pajamas and a bedtime book to homeless children. Activities include face-painting, cookies and milk and more. Parents are invited. Kids can bring friends. To make a reservation by February 8, e-mail mpumc.children@gmail.com.

COMING SOON

HOOPS FOR MEN Men are invited to play basketball in the Youth Building gym Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. through March 31. Details: Bob Clark at rncwcu72@aol.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
8:45 a.m. - Church in the Round - Jubilee Hall
9:30 a.m. - Communion - Sanctuary Chapel
9:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship

Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.

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Mark 1:29-39

And immediately he left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, "Every one is searching for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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My Help Comes From The Lord

This morning's anthem, *My Help Comes from the Lord*, was commissioned by the Chancel Choir in honor of Harriette Thompson. Composer **Stephen Paulus** has been hailed as "...a bright, fluent inventor with a ready lyric gift." (*The New Yorker*) His output of more than 450 works is represented in many genres, including music for orchestra, chorus, chamber ensembles, solo voice, keyboard and opera. Commissions have been received from the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra and Dallas Symphony Orchestra. His choral works have been performed and recorded by some of the nation's most distinguished choruses, including New York Concert Singers, Los Angeles Master Chorale and Mormon Tabernacle Choir. "Mr. Paulus often finds melodic patterns that are fresh and familiar at the same time....His scoring is invariably expert and exceptionally imaginative in textures and use of instruments." (*The New York Times*)

Dr. Paulus' work this morning is inspired by Psalm 121. It opens simply with a unison chorus singing *I will lift up mine eyes*. As we are led through each verse of the Psalm, we are introduced to the marvelous harmonies and innovative progressions that characterize much of Dr. Paulus' writing. The piece is built on bold, often dissonant, unresolved harmonic foundations through which he threads the melody. Yet, there is also a consistently ebullient quality to the music, which is ideal for the spirit and letter of the Psalm.

As these wonderful sounds wash over us, the composer paints three main images in the music: God above us, God below us, and God beside us. It is a musical moment that is enveloping and moving. The piece ends with an exclamation by the soprano soloist and choir, that truly our help comes from the Lord.

– Chancel Choir member **Jim Willoughby**

NEED A SITTER FEBRUARY 11? Young adults will "kid-sit" children ages three and up from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, February 11, in Room 060 in the Youth Building, perfect for couples seeking a pre-Valentine's Day dinner. Attractions will include gym sports, board games, movies, pizza and snacks. Cost is \$20 per child, to support the Brazil mission trip in June. To register: Sara Jones at 704-467-5385 or deacsgirl81@yahoo.com.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION KITS

Shrove Tuesday celebration kits will be available for sale in the lobby of the Parish Life Building Sunday, February 12 and 19, and during H.O.T. Wednesday February 15. Kits include pancake mix, homemade syrup, Mardi Gras beads and masks, the story of Mardi Gras to share with your family and an easy recipe for a King Cake. Kits are \$20 and can feed up to five. Proceeds benefit youth mission trips. Shrove Tuesday is February 21. Details: youth@mpumc.org.

EXPLORE JEWISH LIFE Dr. Tom Hanchett of the Levine Museum of the New South will preview the new exhibit, *Down Home: Jewish Life In North Carolina*, to the Adults Plus! group at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 15, in Room 104 in the Parish Life Building. The exhibit opens February 25. So does *All That Remains*, profiles of Charlotte's Holocaust survivors written by Director of Communications Ken Garfield. A chicken-and-dumplings lunch follows at noon in Jubilee Hall for \$5. For reservations by noon February 14, call 704-376-5520 (ext. 5200).

SHARE YOUR ART Members can submit art – painting, photography, pottery, poetry and more – reflecting their faith experience for a congregational art exhibit, *Share Your HeART*. Art must be received by February 15. The exhibit will be displayed during Lent in the Parish Life Building.

MEN IN CHRIST The *Men In Christ* ministry, offering small groups, larger dinner programs and fellowship throughout, will meet at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, February 19, in Jubilee Hall. Following an almond chicken dinner, Jeremy Troxler, director of the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative at Duke Divinity School, will speak. Dinner is \$6. For reservations by February 16, reach Jami Smith at 704-295-4827 or jsmith@mpumc.org.

MARDI GRAS DINNER Singles 35 and over are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras with the Single Pointe group at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, in Room 106 of the Parish Life Building. Rev. Barbara Barden will speak briefly about the Christian origins of Fat Tuesday. Music is planned. Dinner reservations for \$7 are due by noon February 20: Christine Mull at cmull@mpumc.org or 704-376-5520 (ext. 5900).

ASH WEDNESDAY Services will be in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER Beginning Thursday, February 23, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer during Lent, on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Guided prayer meditations will be available.

GIVE BLOOD FEBRUARY 26 The next blood drive will be from 7:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sunday, February 26, in the Youth Building gym. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors must present a photo ID or Red Cross blood donor card. Sign up in advance, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. today and Sunday, February 12 and 19, in the Parish Life lobby.

GO. SERVE. LOVE.

DONATE BOOKS Donations of used books for Julia's Café & Books to benefit Habitat For Humanity are welcome February 12-19 in the cabinet by the front desk in the Parish Life lobby. All types are welcome.

FREEDOM SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL Homework helpers are needed from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday at Sedgefield Elementary. Flexible schedules (weekly, bi-weekly or monthly) are available. For details and to sign up, visit www.mpumc.org/serve or reach Becky Abernethy at 704-295-4826 or babernethy@mpumc.org.