



*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 22, 2022  
SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** — *Prayer* - Caleb Simper

Yun Kang

**INTROIT** — *Bless We the Name of the Lord* - Michael Burkhardt

Teen Choir

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Gregory Neiman

One: God's goodness is breaking into the world.

**All: We do not expect the Spirit's movement.**

One: God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

**All: We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.**

One: Come Holy Spirit!

**All: Come Risen Christ!**

**HYMN** — *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

FESTAL SONG

*Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms  
God gently clears the way.  
Wait patiently; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.*

*Leave to God's sovereign sway  
to choose and to command.  
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,  
how wise, how strong God's hand!*

*Let us in life, in death,  
thy steadfast truth declare,  
and publish with our final breath  
thy love and guardian care.*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

Gracious God, we equate our judgement with your judgement, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit.

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION**

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

## PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: It is the Lord who opens eyes to see. It is the Lord who softens heart to hear. It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence. Peace, peace, peace—you are loved, you are enough, you belong. 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 — *Psalms 67*

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us,

**All: That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

One: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM — *I Choose Love* - Mark Miller

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

*In the midst of war, I choose peace.  
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,  
I will seek the good once more, I choose love.*

*When my world falls down, I will rise.  
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,  
I will climb to higher ground, I will rise.*

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

-- Lindy Thompson

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *John 14:23-29*

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord will stand forever.

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Spirit of the Living God*

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

## HYMN — *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

## 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.

## 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 — *Simple Gifts* - arr. Kevin McChesney

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

## R E C E P T I O N   o f   N E W   M E M B E R S

## PRESENTATION

## PROFESSION of FAITH

## PRAYER

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory. Amen.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## S E N D I N G

### HYMN — *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

#### *Refrain:*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand'  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

#### *Refrain*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*

#### *Refrain*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

#### *Refrain*

### POSTLUDE — *Grand Chorus* - Alexandre Guilmant

## QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- What, in your life, do you need to open to the Spirit's guidance and teaching?

## 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).***

### **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".

### **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 today, 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!

### **UKRAINE RELIEF FUND CONTINUES**

Your contributions are still welcomed to add to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ([pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org)), specifically to aid those impacted by the war in Ukraine. You may use a check made out to MPC with "Ukraine Relief" placed on the comment line or donate through the MPC Online Giving Portal at [mpcusa.org/give](http://mpcusa.org/give) by completing the box next to "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." The MPC Outreach Committee continues to monitor the situation and continues to ask for your prayers.

### **BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Morrisville School District is collecting books to distribute to their students for summer reading. Books for high school aged students are especially needed. Please leave books by the Book Carts. All books left there through May 27 will be donated to the Morrisville School Book Drive. Thank you!

### **SNIPES FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER (SFEC)**

There is a lot going on at the SFEC and it involves MPC! Recently, a group from MPC participated in Earth Day at SFEC. Trails were made in the woods, kale was planted (soon potatoes), park benches were refinished and the children's animal and play center was worked on. MPC members have participated in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for summers purchasing their produce, eggs, meat, etc. In the near future Rebecca Circle will hold their May meeting at the farm to enjoy a "brown bag" supper, tour the facilities, and learn all about SFEC in the "Big Red Barn". For years, MPC has sponsored summer camps for under-privileged youth at the farm. Additional activities are planned for the summer – hopefully, a men's fellowship work morning, a family night, and a Youth Club fellowship to name a few. Might you be interested in a faith-oriented activity at the SFEC? Announcements will be made in the bulletin and *Currents*. Please visit [snipesfarm.org](http://snipesfarm.org) to learn more or contact Pastor Alex at [alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net](mailto:alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net) or Ray Hendrickson at 215-493-7812. Let's all take a MPC trip to the farm with a child or friend!

### **CLOTHING CENTER UPDATE**

The Clothing Center will be closing on Thursday, June 16, for our summer hiatus. Last date for donations will be on Thursday, June 2. No one will be working in the Clothing Center during the summer; therefore, we cannot accept donations during that time. Donations will resume in late August in anticipation of our post-Labor Day opening. Thank you for your continued support and please come visit us for some great sales before we close.

## **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING**

On Thursday, May 25, Small Group Book Discussions will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge to discuss *Nature's Best Hope* by Douglas Tallamy. This is our last meeting before a summer break. All are welcome to attend the discussion group when it resumes in the fall. Please email Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) or call/text 215-510-5717 to be added to our email list or for more information.

## *MPC Weekly Calendar*

### **SUNDAY, May 22**

9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Zoom
9:00	Confirmation Class	Room 200
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	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:30	Teen Choir	Music Room

### **MONDAY, May 23**

6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent Meeting	
7:00	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall
	Dinner	
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
	Committee Meeting	
7:30	Session Meeting	Conference Room

### **TUESDAY, May 24**

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 3	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pack 3 - Webelos	Room 104
6:30	Alcoholics Anonymous	Room 220
7:00	Book Discussion Group	Lounge

### **WEDNESDAY, May 25**

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	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Fellowship Hall
7:30	Chancel Chimes	Chapel

### **THURSDAY, May 26**

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:30 p.m.	Oakville Girl Scouts	Room 220
7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### **FRIDAY, May 27**

6:00 p.m.	Pack 3 - Wolf Den	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Cub Scout	Fellowship Hall
	Pack 3 Meeting	
7:00	AA Meeting	Lounge

### **SATURDAY, May 28**

### **SUNDAY, May 29**

9:00	Confirmation Class	Room 200
<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

To view upcoming events and meetings,  
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