



*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
SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

MINUTE for MINISTRY

Memorial Garden Dedication

Seth McHenry

MINUTE for MINISTRY

Mission Study Opportunities

Ray Hendrickson

PRELUDE — *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ* - Samuel Scheidt

Yun Kang

INTROIT — *Praise We In Songs of Victory* - GELOBT SEI GOTT

Chancel Choir

*Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CALL to WORSHIP

Beth DiTulio, Liturgist

One: We hear the voice of Jesus:

All: Our hearts burn within us.

One: We lift our voices to God:

All: And call on the name of the Lord!

One: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

HYMN — *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?" And again and again, you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved, hear this good news: the one who we witness in the breaking of bread, in gathering together, in hearing God's word and wisdom is the one who raises us to new life. 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 — *Be Not Afraid* - Taizé Community

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

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalm 116*

One: I love the Lord because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because God inclined God's ear to me, therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

One: The snares of death encompassed me; I suffered distress and anguish.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM — *Stay With Us* - Walter Pelz

Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to You this day be sung.

Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry,

Feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.

Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life You will unfold:

Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.

Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

-- Herbert Brokering

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Luke 24:13-35*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

He is Risen

Rev. Lester-Abdalla

HYMN — *Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;

what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from the *Gospel of Luke*

“What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” “...The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of messengers who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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 — *O Jesus, I Have Promised* - John Bode

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 — *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Alleluia, Alleluia!* - ALLELUIA NO. 1
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

POSTLUDE — *Marche* - John Stanley

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.***

COMMUNITY MEALS RETURN THIS TUESDAY

Our next Community Meal is Tuesday, April 29, with the anticipation of about forty people for dinner from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, dessert bakers and kitchen helpers are needed. Desserts can be dropped off in the kitchen by the afternoon or prior to the dinner that day. Kitchen helpers are to arrive around 4:00 p.m. to be ready to serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. Guests are usually leaving before 7:00 p.m. and clean-up ends around 7:15-7:30pm. Please reply to MPCCodeBlue@gmail.com if you are interested.

NEXT SUNDAY! MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION & PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, May 4, for the dedication of Memorial Garden, followed by a picnic. The picnic will be held in Memorial Garden (weather permitting) or Fellowship Hall. Bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org.

MISSION STUDY REPORT

The Mission Report (MSR) Committee has sent an e-mail requesting an included survey to be completed by all congregants. This survey will greatly assist the committee in its report of MPC and consequently used by the Pastor Nominating Committee in its search for a new senior pastor. A hard copy of the survey is also available in the Welcome Center.

The MSR Committee has also scheduled a series of group sessions to discuss the mission of MPC (past, present and future). You may sign up for one of the listed group sessions either in the Welcome Center or by sending an e-mail to the committee at mpc2025missionstudy@gmail.com.

- Sunday, April 27, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Chapel
- Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Lounge
- Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. – via Zoom (info will be sent to all who sign up)

We are on this exciting journey together, knowing God is with us each step of the way!

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Chuck and Sue Jones, and their son Chuck, in loving memory of Cathleen Jones Haas on the occasion of her birthday. “Cathleen was a beautiful daughter and sister; as well as a loving wife and mother. As a speech therapist she had a positive influence on the lives of hundreds of children. We miss her, but know she now rests in eternal peace in the loving arms of our Lord.”

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR MAY 18

If you would like to give flowers for Sunday, May 18, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. The cost of an arrangement is \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or in gratitude for a person or ministry. These flowers not only add to the beauty of our worship service but they also provide an outreach ministry to our church family.

MEN'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

The Men's Fellowship day retreat to Camp Johnsonburg has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 10, due to the rain on the original date. We are hoping that many of you can join in on this new date. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org or Beth Curtiss at curtissfam@gmail.com.

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!

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

On May 4, Patricia McBee will be with us to discuss the work of *POWER Bucks* within our community, working on issues such as educational funding and assistance to marginalized populations.

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

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Letter Carriers' Association, will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Morrisville Methodist Church, located at 501 W. Maple Avenue in Morrisville. MPC and the Food Center have been involved for many years, and the Food Center benefits greatly from the large amount of food collected in the 19067 zip code. Help is needed from 10:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. It's a fun day and a great community effort. Please join us and bring a friend! Sign up online at MPCusa.org/food-center. Email MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

AN AMAZING EASTER BLESSING!

The Deacons received \$3,775 over the past four weeks to go toward our Easter Food Baskets for those in need during this Easter holiday. 96 families will be provided a nutritious and healthy meal for themselves and loved ones in this season of faith and hope. The Deacons pray that mercy, grace, and peace be yours as we thank you for your most generous gifts.

COME JOIN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Brown Bag Bible Study is continuing their reading of the Gospel of Luke through the remainder of the education year. 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? Then join us on Zoom. Call the church office to add your name to receive the Zoom link 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

4/30: 21:5-19; 20-33; 34-38; 22:1-23

5/14: 23:13-26; 27-43; 44-56; 24:1-12

5/7: 22:24-38; 39-53; 54-71; 23:1-12

5/21: 24:13-27; 28-3; 36-53.

CLOTHING CENTER SPRING & SUMMER DONATIONS

The [Clothing Center](#) is only accepting clean and gently used spring and summer clothes, as well as spring decorations (no Easter decorations, please). 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.

MPC BOOK DISCUSSION'S NEXT READ

The MPC Book Discussion group's next read is *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne. The group will meet on Monday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room to discuss the book. This is a lengthy and emotional novel of a gay Irish man, Cyril Avery, who is not a *real* Avery or at least that's what his adoptive parents tell him. And he never will be. But if he isn't a real Avery, then who is he? Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple via the intervention of a hunchbacked Redemptorist nun, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from – and over his three score years and ten, will struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country and much more. A story of Ireland from the 1940s to today through the eyes of one ordinary man, *The Heart's Invisible Furies* is a novel to make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit. (Goodreads)

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, April 27

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Room 121
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
9:30	Sunday School for All Ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:45	Mission Study Team Session	Chapel
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

MONDAY, April 28

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 & Board Meetings	
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:00	Session Meeting	Conference Room

TUESDAY, April 29

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 30

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

THURSDAY, May 1

9:00 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
10:00	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Playground
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

FRIDAY, May 2

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

SATURDAY, May 3

9:00 a.m.	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
	Homeschool Book Sale	

SUNDAY, May 4

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Room 121
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
9:30	Sunday School for All Ages	
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Memorial Garden	Memorial Garden
	Dedication & Picnic	
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220
Noon	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Cantus Novus Concert	Sanctuary

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