



*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.*
MPC Mission Statement adopted by the Session March 31, 2008

WORSHIP *for*
EIGHTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

WORDS *of* WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place* - Robert Lau

Yun Kang

CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: We are called by the Holy Spirit,

All: To do God's work.

One: We are called to love ourselves and our neighbor,

All: In West Virginia and at home.

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

All: For God's love is always with us!

HYMN — *Let Us Build a House* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

TWO OAKS

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Merciful God, we recognize that our prayers are small compared to the hurt of the world.
And yet you answer on the day we call. Today we search and knock. So we humbly
confess that we have fallen short. We seek peace and comfort in our lives and ignore the
needs of those around us. Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that
turning to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of creation.

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

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved, God has forgiven all of your trespasses. You are alive together with God. Know
that you are forgiven and be at peace. Together let us proclaim this 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.*

LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *Psalms 138*

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
All: **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**
One: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
All: **On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.**
One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
All: **You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**
One: The Lord will fulfill the Lord's purpose for me;
All: **Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME *for* YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Luke 11:9-13*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

Reflections on Youth-in-Mission Trip

Charlie Layden, Tracy Massey,
& Elisabeth Halloran

HYMN — *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 — *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* - Georg Neumark

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 — *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!*

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Youth-in-Mission Members

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.*

SPECIAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

The special floral arrangement at the front of the sanctuary is given by the family of Marion Rea, “who went to be with Jesus on May 27.”

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in memory of Michael Mocolak by his parents, Bill and Linda Mocolak. The second arrangement is given by MPC's Presbyterian Women in loving memory and in celebration of Marion Rea. Marion was such a beautiful woman in so many ways--she truly radiated His light. She was a wonderful role model for our women: living out her unfaltering faith, actively participating in PW programs (even being on our board at age 100), adding a gentle humor to our gatherings, loving MPC and always expressing gratitude to God for her blessings. Marion was a blessing to us! We miss you, Marion, but we know you were ready and waiting for that Heavenly “ticket”.

THANK YOU YOUTH-IN-MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS!

The worship service today was created in the spirit of and lead by the participants of our Youth-in-Mission Trip. They include the youth: Max Dous, Elisabeth Halloran, Ella Halloran, Bella Keys, Charlie Layden, and Micah Subers. We also include the adult chaperones: Heidi Dous, Tom Evans, Avery Gardner, April Halloran, Travis Keys, Tracy Massey, and Alex Lester-Abdalla. We cannot forget the tremendous work of the remaining folks on our Youth Committee: Dawn Flook, Wes Gardner, and Nancy Stoner. And finally we share our immense gratitude for the generous support of this congregation and friends who make this trip possible. Thank you!

YOUTH IN MISSION TRIP 27 SAVE THE DATE!

If you know of any youth interested in going on a meaningful trip of service and fun, please save the date for our trip next year: July 10 to July 17, 2027. Please contact Heidi Dous at heididous@gmail.com or Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.org for more information or questions.

PASTOR ALEX'S RETURN FROM SABBATICAL

Pastor Alex returned to MPC on Monday, July 6. After helping lead the Youth-in-Mission through the worship service today, he will be away for his final week of sabbatical, July 20-26, as was planned and approved with the Personnel Committee and Session. He is looking forward to being completely back on July 27.

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

During the summer months, fellowship hour after worship will be held on a limited basis. There will be no Fellowship Hour held today. An all-church picnic will be held next week after the congregational meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Morrisville Presbyterian Church Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 26, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and voting to elect the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Morrisville Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kyle Anderson. The Pastor Nominating Committee is planning for Rev. Anderson to participate and preach during the worship service on July 26.

Members who are unable to attend the worship service or congregational meeting in person may watch the service online at www.mpcusa.org and cast their vote by emailing votempcseniorpastor@gmail.com. If approved, Rev. Anderson would start on Monday, August 31.

SAVE THE DATE TO MEET OUR NEW PASTOR

There will be an informal meet and greet in the lounge prior to the service at 9:30 a.m. for MPC members to meet the candidate for MPC's next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, Rev. Kyle Anderson, on a more casual, personal level prior to the service. After the congregational meeting, there will be an all-church picnic in the Memorial Garden to celebrate this momentous occasion. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the events on July 26.

DEACON'S BACKPACK DRIVE

Now is the time to help gather school supplies for our Deacons' Backpack Drive! These donations will directly support elementary students in our community who face financial hardship and need extra help preparing for the school year. A collection bin will be available in the Welcome Center for donated items starting in July. Cash donations may be placed in the offering plate or sent to MPC by mail or online.

If you'd like to purchase a new backpack to fill, here's a list of requested items:

- No 2 pencils
- Black or blue pens
- 1 permanent marker
- Pencil sharpeners
- Small pack of crayons
- Small pack of colored pencils
- Pack of graph paper
- Ruler
- 2 three-subject spiral notebooks
- 5 plastic subject folders
- Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Scotch tape

All backpacks will be blessed during our service on August 16 and distributed before the start of the new school year. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Marseglia at 267-303-6133 or email Paula307@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our local students begin the year equipped and ready to learn!

KEEP US BLOOMING THIS SUMMER: CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST SUNDAYS

If you would like to give an arrangement on a Sunday in August, 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, to celebrate a special occasion or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness. These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also go forward as an outreach ministry to our church family.

ON-LINE MEMBER DIRECTORY

MPC rolled out Realm to the congregation back in September 2025. One of the features of Realm is an on-line Member Directory that is only accessible to active members of MPC who have created a Realm log-in. Beginning on August 1, all active members will be added to the directory whether you have created a log-in or not. If you do not wish to be in the directory, please contact the church office by emailing office@mpcusa.org or calling 215-295-4191. Please note that printed copies of the directory will no longer be available. If you want to access the member directory, you will need to create a Realm log-in.

DISPOSABLE FLATWARE PACKETS FOR TASK

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) routinely needs to purchase more than 10,000 packets of plastic flatware to distribute with their food. If you have a supply of unopened packets at home from takeout food purchases, we will gladly take them off your hands. A basket for your donations will be on the cabinet in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.

FOOD CENTER'S SUMMER REQUEST

Over the next few summer months, the requested food donation is whatever you may wish to donate. Items should be shelf-stable and non-perishable. Donated items should not be in glass containers. A marked shopping bin has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, July 19 - Youth-in-Mission Sunday

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Memorial Garden/Lounge
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

MONDAY, July 20

6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4

TUESDAY, July 21

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
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WEDNESDAY, July 22

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
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THURSDAY, July 23

FRIDAY, July 24

SATURDAY, July 25

SUNDAY, July 26

9:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet New Pastor, Rev. Kyle Anderson	Lounge
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	All-Church Picnic	Memorial Garden
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

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