
G A T H E R I N G

PRELUDE — *Rhosymedre* - R. Vaughn Williams

Fred Astmann

CHORAL INTROIT — *Open Now These Gates of Beauty* - Gordon Young

Naomi Hirsch

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!*

CALL to WORSHIP

Jill Monroe-Dillon

One: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

One: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

All: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!

One: One thing we ask of God:

All: That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

One: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!

All: Thanks be to God! Let us worship God together!

HYMN — *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.*

*One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of the war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

God, our Light and Salvation, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit. And yet, we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, theological. Forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness, stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering. You have called us to follow you and to fish for people, but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will. Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves. Hear our cry as we come to you for unity. Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us. Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity. Teach us that the “same mind” you call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS *of* CONFESSION

Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.

PROMISE *of* FORGIVENESS

One: Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So 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 27:1, 4-9*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

All: **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

One: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

All: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

All: **‘Come,’ my heart says, ‘seek his face!’ Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

One: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

All: **Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* - Samuel Liddle

*How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even Thine altars, even Thine altars,
O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.*

*O Lord God of Hosts, bear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.
How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!...*

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Logic of Love

Pastor Rachel Rhodes

HYMN — *We All Are One in Mission*

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*We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

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 Rest in the Lord* - Felix Mendelssohn

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.*

*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.*

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

PRESENTATION & PROMISES

PROFESSION 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.

WELCOMING *the* NEWLY BAPTIZED

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

BAPTISM HYMN — *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

SENDING

HYMN — *O for a World*

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.
O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.
We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.
The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.*

CHORAL BENEDICTION — *The Aaronic Benediction* - Healy Willan

POSTLUDE — *Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare* - Benedetto Marcello

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

- What drew you into the community of the church?
 - What has kept you here?

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.net.*

TODAY WE WELCOME FRED ASTMANN AS GUEST ORGANIST

Fred Astmann is a retired sales rep for the Allen Organ Company, and continues as a supply organist in over 325 different churches over the years. He is an active volunteer, organ consultant, and runs a referral service to help churches find organists.

TODAY'S SOLOIST

Naomi Hirsch, mezzo-soprano, is an accomplished international performer and Cantor. In college she pursued her love of theater and subsequently studied vocal performance, earning a Master of Sacred Music degree. Hirsch lives in Philadelphia and works as a chaplain and a teacher. She enjoys all opportunities to sing and perform, including Pericles in Germantown with Shakespeare in Clark Park last summer.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is Evangeline Ann Ackerman. Evangeline is the daughter of Chad and Kristin Ackerman. Please join us in welcoming the newest member of Christ's church.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given in loving fond memories of our mother, Frances Burgess, by the Burgess/Jurey families. The second arrangement is given by Lew Mohr in loving memory of his wife, Isabelle Gillies Mohr.

WAKING UP WHITE

We will be having a discussion at MPC on the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving. This is a chance for us to explore questions and issues of identity and race as we strive each day to become better Christians and members of our community. This book was selected by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for a presbytery-wide discussion in 2016. We hope all will feel free to join this discussion, whether these are issues you have been exploring for a long time or whether you are looking for a place to start. The only prerequisites are reading the book (or as much as you can) and an interest in conversation with fellow members of your church family! We plan to meet for one two-hour session, tentatively Sunday, August 21, from noon - 2:00 p.m. following worship. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please email Pastor Alex at alexlester-abdalla@mpcusa.net if you are interested in joining and whether the August date and time works for you. **Also, please let Pastor Alex know if you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you.**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

The Deacons are excited to once again serve students in the community by holding our annual Back to School Backpack Drive. The Ivins Outreach Center will distribute the bags to students in grades 9-12 with the greatest needs.

We are asking our “generous” congregation to put specific items in a backpack or messenger bag and place the bags in the bins located in the Communication Center before or after Sunday services or at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. Backpacks and donations will be accepted up until Sunday, August 28.

If you would like to make a donation to this important drive, you can do so on the Online Giving Portal at mpcusa.org/give, then entering your donation amount on the “Deacons Fund” line or by sending in a check to the Church Office. **Please include “Backpack Drive” in the respective notes section or memo line.**

Thank you so much for your generosity and for making this back-to-school time of the year so special for these students. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Sheffer at 267-394-0776.

Please include these items in the backpack for high school students:

#2 Pencils	3- Ring Binders
Colored Pencils	Loose Leaf College Ruled Paper
Pencil Sharpener/Eraser	Colored Binder Dividers
Black/Blue Pens	2-Pocket Folders
Highlighters/Markers	Single-Subject Spiral Notebooks
Book covers	Sticky Notes/Flags
Wire-Bound Weekly Planner	Dictionary/Thesaurus

Thanking you in advance, Patti Sheffer and Lori Newman.

HEY MPC YOUTH! DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Get a jump start on your community service requirements by signing up to help at the Food Center this summer. Visit mpcusa.org/food-center to click on "Volunteer Sign Up" links to view available opportunities. Please email MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com with any questions or if you need additional information.

Get those pesky hours out of the way now! Imagine how jealous all your friends will be when they are scrambling to fulfill hours at the last minute! Sign up now!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BUCKS COUNTY NEEDS MPC VOLUNTEERS!

Faith Build 2022 is a Habitat for Humanity project of building homes in Bristol where faith groups and congregations have come together to put their faith into action! The 125th Habitat Bucks home has begun in Bristol and volunteers are needed assisting at a work site or at a Restore location, and making substantial donations. Interested? Please contact Ray Hendrickson at hrh1453@gmail.com or 215 495-3114 to be a part of *Faith Build 2022*! For more information on volunteering and to sign-up, you may also visit habitatbucks.org/volunteer.

iPhone



Introducing mobile giving

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.

Android



Need Help? email Office@mpcusa.org and ask that your questions be forwarded to the stewardship committee.

MPC *Weekly Calendar*

SUNDAY, August 14

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service & Baptism** Sanctuary
 10:30 **Worship Service & Baptism** Livestream

MONDAY, August 15

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3 Room 220
 6:30 Mostly Motets Music Room
 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3 Fellowship Hall
 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3 Lounge
 Parent & Board Meetings

TUESDAY, August 16

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3 Fellowship Hall
 6:00 Pack 3 - Webelos Room 104

WEDNESDAY, August 17

9:00 a.m. Food Center Parking Lot
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3 Room 220
 7:00 Girl Scout Troop 2888 Room 220

THURSDAY, August 18

6:00 p.m. Oakville Girl Scouts Room 220

FRIDAY, August 19

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting Lounge

SATURDAY, August 20

SUNDAY, August 21

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service** Sanctuary
 10:30 **Worship Service** Livestream
 Noon *Waking Up White* Memorial Garden
 Book Discussion Group

To view upcoming events and meetings,
 please visit www.mpcusa.org and click on
 "Calendar" from the home page.

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