
Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MAY 05, 2024



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Welcome

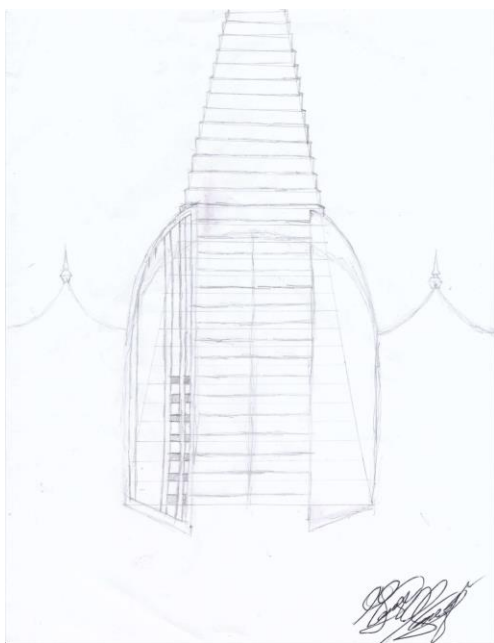
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Today

LITURGIST: MPC Youth

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



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New Here?

Welcome to Marple Presbyterian Church! We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

- All visitors are encouraged to take the information brochure in the pew and place the visitor's section in the offering plate.
- Children are welcome in the service! Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Nursery care is also available for children thru age 3. The nursery is located directly underneath the sanctuary.
- Assistive Listening Units are also available – please see any usher.

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Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Pam McShane

***Call to Worship** ¹ | Emilia Murphy

Leader: We are like the trees that grow beside the stream. The sunshine and the water feed us and strengthen us.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: Like the fruit on the tree, the fruit of the spirit must grow within us.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: We must give love. Completely. Totally. Without condition.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: We must share the joy that comes from being children of God.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: We must search for peace, in our own minds and in the world.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: We must practice patience. Everything happens in God's time, not ours.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: We need to practice faith in order for it to grow.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: This is the fruit of the spirit.

People: Fill our hearts with it, God.

Leader: The time for the harvest has come.

People: Amen.

***Opening Hymn** | *Gather Us In* | *Insert*

¹ Prayers and responses adapted from *The Book of Uncommon Prayer: Contemplative and Celebratory Prayers and Worship Services for Youth Ministry* and *The Book of Uncommon Prayer 2: Prayers and Worship Services for Youth Ministry* by Steven L. Case.

*Please stand as you are able

Opening Prayer | Emilia Murphy | (unison)

God, you have us the opportunity to make choices. You gave us brain and hearts and experiences, and we get to use them all to decide things on our own. We are not children, God. We are not holding Daddy's hand. We can decide whether we want to cross the street or stay on the corner. We can decide who we are and what we want to do with our lives. You have given us this ability. We don't have to look like everyone else, or talk like everyone else, or be a carbon copy of anyone. We are all original. Thank you for letting us be who we are, God. Amen.

Choir Anthem | *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter | Adult Choir joined by Georgie Guyer, Emilia Murphy and Stephen Murphy

Call to Confession | Georgie Guyer

God, we know forgiving is one of your biggies. You want us to forgive others the way we would want them to forgive us. But sometimes that's really hard to do. Sometimes people hurt us by accident; sometimes people just don't think. But God, sometimes people know. They know what they are doing, and they hurt us anyway. It's like that's their goal. They set out to hurt us. We're supposed to forgive that? How does that work? We're going to need you, God. We're going to need strength. We're going to need compassion. We're going to have to get rid of this anger we have inside before we can forgive. Take it from us, God. Take the pain and the anger and throw them away. Help us move forward from this point. We want to be your servants. We will learn to forgive. Amen.

Prayer of Confession | Stephen Murphy

Leader: For all hurtful things we have said to each other

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For all the things we should have said but didn't

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For ignoring the lonely

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For changing ourselves just to be popular

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For going along with the crowd

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For listening to those who didn't have our best interests at heart

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For ignoring you

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For asking you for worthless things

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For wanting what we don't need

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For taking what we don't want

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For taking for granted all the good gifts you give us

People: Forgive us God

Leader: For believing we are alone

People: Forgive us God

Leader: We believe in a God of second chances. We rely on the forgiveness and grace promised us by Jesus. May we come to the table of Christ as new creations. May we sit at the table as forgiven people.

People: Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon | Georgie Guyer

Father, you continue to give to us as your children. Our actions and words show we don't deserve the gifts you give. But like a loving father, you continue to bless us. Help us see all the things you have blessed us with. Guide us on the path. Bring us closer to you, God. Show us the way. Amen.

Congregational Response *Gloria Patri | #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Passing of the Peace | Rev. Pam McShane

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

“Secret Pals Revealed” Video

Invitation to the Offering | Rev. Pam McShane

Offertory | Colin Eckels and Sarah Guyer

Congregational Response *Doxology | #592

*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 | Christian McGreevy | (unison)

God, it feels like we are constantly coming to forks in the road of life and having to choose. Giving us choices about how to live was your idea, and we are grateful. We have experience but remember – it's hard, God. Let us take that experience and make good decisions. Help us to use the gifts you have given us to help those around us. We will pray. We will listen. Guide us. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination | Colin Eckels

God, you have given us a mind's eye that can see things not only as they are, but as they could be. You have given us a mind's eye that can see colors on a blank piece of paper. You have given us a mind's eye that can look at a blueprint and see the walls go up. Imagination is a gift from you, God. It is a present. Let us use it to see what we can do with our lives. Let us use it to celebrate one another. Let us use it to see you in all things and all places and all people. You used your imagination to create our work and all that is in it. You have given us your Holy Word to guide us. Help us to create something good. Amen.

Music Video

Hold On by TobyMac

Scripture Lesson (Video)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

New Testament pg. 14

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.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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.

**Preparation Hymn | We Gather Here in Jesus' Name | Insert*

The Lord's Supper

**Closing Hymn | Lord, Make Us More Holy | Insert*

Benediction | All Youth

Christian: God, you put a rainbow of colors in this life – forgive us when we choose beige.
Georgie: You have given us a thousand flavors to live – forgive us when we live vanilla.
Stephen: We can choose to coast through, or we can choose to be excellent.
Sarah: You have given us the choice, and we will make the most of it. You have given us this day, and we will live it fully.

Emilia: You have given us one another, and we will be excellent to one another. Help us see that all things are from you.

Colin: If we see our lives as gifts from the Creator of the universe, maybe we can learn to celebrate each moment the way we should. Amen and go in peace.

Postlude | Susan B. Greene



Artwork by Hannah Nelson-Poteet

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

LORD'S SUPPER

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
 B^b F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (Asus)
 F Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
 C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
 the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)
 B^b F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
 C7 F B^b C7 F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; * ev - ery - one be - longs.
 (2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 B^b C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
 Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

This Week

MONDAY

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

TUESDAY

Thrift Shop 10am-3 pm

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

WEDNESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

Boy Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 7-8 pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10am-4 pm

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 8-9 am

Looking Ahead

MAY 12

Mother's Day

MAY 24

Church Office Closed

MAY 27

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

JUNE 1 |

YG End of Year BBQ at the Mitchell's 4 - 10pm

JUNE 7 |

Strawberry Festival 5 - 8pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Listening devices are available for individuals who have a hearing impairment.

Please speak to an usher for more information or to request a device.



Learn More



Sunday School - MPC Sunday School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday Worship

The inspiration for all the artwork in today's bulletin was the Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43).

SAVE THE DATE

**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY JUNE 7th

5-8pm

Cake donations needed and appreciated.

SESSION

DEACONS

Paul Avazier '26

Douglas Ballard '25

Amy Eckels '25

Marion Brower '24

Ben Mitchell '24

Bette Downs '24

Kristen Mitchell '26

Virginia Geisbert '25

Betty Rippel '26

Patricia Gwartz '26

Carol Robinson '24

Joyce Holmwood '26

Kerri Robinson '26

Greg Hoffman '24

Mack Smith '24

Eileen Matthews '24

Carol Valaitis '26

Linda Pursley '24

Ryan Walden '25

Diane Valaitis '26

Alfie Wilkes '25

Shirley Wise '26

Kim Wooden '25
