

Midway Hills
Christian Church



May 12, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

Mental illness is one of the most common, devastating, and yet stigmatized maladies of our time. If this is an "Age of Anxiety," we must be a church of healers and hope-givers. We will pray for and act with those who deal with various forms of trauma and the consequences of mental illness, those who care for them, and open compassion for our own struggles.

Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Gathers

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Fred Bock

*Call to Worship [in unison]

Rev. Don Manworren

**Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Hymn 566

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

The Community Responds

Collective Story of the Resurrection

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Laurie Anderson
Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Moment

Mia Martin

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Rev. Don Manworren

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (NRSVUE)

Alégrense siempre en el Señor. Insisto: ¡Alégrense! Que su amabilidad sea evidente a todos. El Señor está cerca. No se preocupen por nada; más bien, en toda ocasión, con oración y ruego, presenten sus peticiones a Dios y denle gracias. Y la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, cuidará sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús. Por último, hermanos, consideren bien todo lo verdadero, todo lo respetable, todo lo justo, todo lo puro, todo lo amable, todo lo digno de admiración, en fin, todo lo que sea excelente o merezca elogio. Pongan en práctica lo que de mí han aprendido, recibido y oído, además de lo que han visto en mí y el Dios de paz estará con ustedes. (NVI)

Anthem	<i>The Lone Wild Bird</i>	arr. David N. Johnson
Sermon	"Calmed" Romans 15:4-7, 13	Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table		Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes
Institution of the Table		Rev. Laurie Anderson
Communion Prayer		Frank Martin
Communion Hymn 393	<i>One Bread, One Body</i> (verses 1 and 2)	ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Communion

Please hold the "bread" until prompted by the minister. We will eat in unison.
Please hold the "cup" until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.

Passing of the Peace

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

*Hymn 530	<i>I've Got Peace Like a River</i>	PEACE LIKE A RIVER
*Benediction		Rev. Laurie Anderson
*Benediction Hymn	<i>Song of Going Forth</i> (Tune: "I Love To Tell the Story")	

The Savior of our stories has brought his peace to you;

now go and tell the story, for others need it too.
To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Mark Hayes

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."

VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity. We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Rev. Laurie Anderson
Senior Minister

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes
Minister of Church Life

Kathy Corporon
Coordinator of
Children's Programs

Jeff Crouse
Director of Music Ministries

David Hammons
Administrative Assistant

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James Lackey

GRAPHICS, WEBSITE
Emily Adams
Kate Lynch

MAY ELDERS
Frank Martin
Laura Mitchell
(Frank Martin, Elders Chair)

MAY DEACONS
Adriana Escalante
Mark Holmgren
(John Nation, Deacons Chair)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

MHCC Board meets next Sunday, May 19, after worship in community hall.
All church members are welcome to attend.

Evening Book Study meets Mondays at 7 p.m. thru May 27.

We are studying the book by Kat Armas, "Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength." Come in person or join online as we explore our faith together. Reading the book is helpful for discussion but not mandatory. This study is led by Rev. Laurie.

Men's Lunch Group meets May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us at the Garden Tea Room, 5330 Forest Lane, Dallas.

Sunday Morning Class, Monday Evening Book Study and Wednesday Bible Study are taking a break during the month of June.

Intergenerational Vacation Church School (VCS) June 11, 12, 13, 6-8 p.m.

Community meal provided. Register now via the link in The Echo.

Come one, come ALL and join us for MHCC's ALL CHURCH VCS this summer, led by Reverend Deborah Morgan-Stokes and Coordinator of Children's Programs, Kathy Corporon. The theme is Forward Toward Freedom. We will be using an adapted curriculum inspired by the 1619 Project to provide an appropriate learning experience for all ages. Juneteenth is approaching, which seems an ideal time to explore racism through culture, body and mind. Systemic racism is a reality, even today. We hope this experience will encourage all of us to be a seedbed of empathy and change.

Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings.

Every Monday – Evening Book Study, 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *Open to all MHCC members. Emphasis on prayers for MHCC, local, state, national and global issues.*

May 15, 29 – Staff Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

May 16 – Finance Team, 7:30 p.m.

May 19 – Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

May 20 – Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

John Wyatt, Chris Sparrer, Emily Adams

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Frank & Millie Martin's son Carl & daughter-in-law Darryll; Megan Mercer's father, Richard Richarson, her mother, Sue, and her siblings; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; Christy Horn's mother, Nancy Glover; David Hammons' wife, Joan; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Cathy Parker	Jayne & Chris Sparrer
Peggy Dowdey	Frank & Millie Martin

Sympathy:

❖ to Don Bohlcke on the death of his wife (and former MHCC member) Donna King Bohlcke

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Setting up refugee apartments
- The work of Annunciation House in El Paso
- Deacons and Elders serving at MHCC
- Hosting asylum seekers at MHCC
- Our guests/visitors in worship

Please pray for our city and state:

- Repeal of SB4
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety
- Food scarcity

Please pray for our nation and world:

- Peace for Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Gun violence: prayers for NRA convention in Dallas May 18
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine.
- All who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- Anti LGBTQ legislation
- All who struggle with mental health.

