

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God
The 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

*Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.*

Prelude

“Air For Organ”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist
(Gerre Hancock, 1934-2012)

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

***Opening Hymn**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, gather gladly; Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn from days of fullness, All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

EBENEZER
text: Sylvia G. Dunstan

All who hunger, never strangers, Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming, Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered In communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table Live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

*If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 980.340.8900
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14: 1- 21 (NRSV)

Rev. Tara Gibbs

At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus, and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. His disciples came and took the body and buried him; then they went and told Jesus.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

***As the hymn begins, 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children's Worship.
They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary by the piano with Children's Worship leaders.
Parents can pick up children from room 209 in the education building between 11 -11:15.
Guests are welcome! Please scan the QR code below to register if this is your first visit.***



***Sermon Hymn**

"Where is Bread?"

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured –
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread? your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.

HOLY MANNA
text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Where is bread? we know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.

Sermon

“Upside Down Compassion”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Church at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below, go to pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist,
or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory Anthem

“Psalm 1”

Chancel Choir
arr. Nathan Carter

Blessed is the man that walked not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season.
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous:
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Shänka L. Pettis, soprano

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

*Closing Hymn

“O Christ, Within These Walls” stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6

See page 7.
FESTAL SONG

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“Allegro from Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist
(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.

Childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten will be provided until noon.

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell,
are Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan, Campus Administrator,
Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Minister of Pastoral Care and Justice,
and Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth.

Leading worship through music are
Dr. Tony McNeill, Interim Minister of Music,
Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist,
Shänka L. Pettis, soprano,
and the Chancel Choir.



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs and volunteers.



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HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.
To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.

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in one easy step.

Learn more about us
and how to get
involved.

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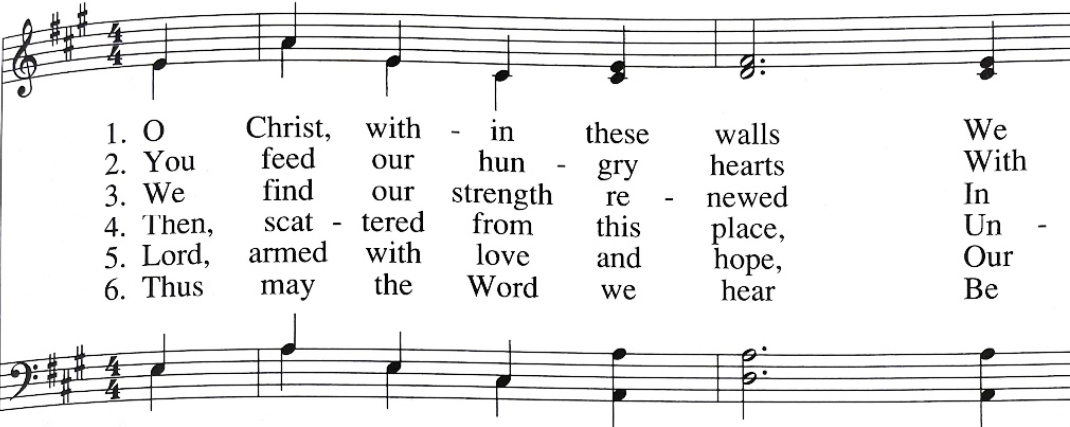


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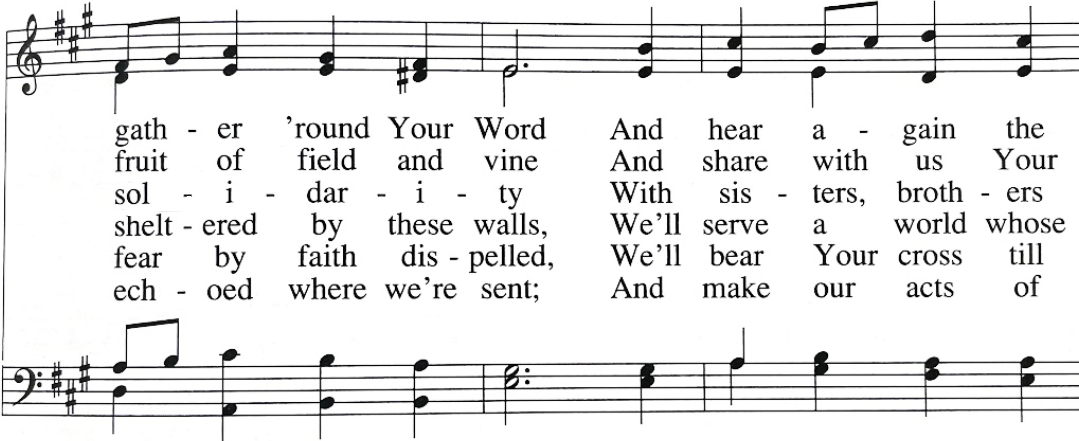
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Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6

O Christ, within These Walls



1. O Christ, with - in these walls We
 2. You feed our hun - gry hearts With
 3. We find our strength re - newed In
 4. Then, scat - tered from this place, Un -
 5. Lord, armed with love and hope, Our
 6. Thus may the Word we hear Be



gath - er 'round Your Word And hear a - gain the
 fruit of field and vine And share with us Your
 sol - i - dar - i - ty With sis - ters, broth - ers
 shelt - ered by these walls, We'll serve a world whose
 fear by faith dis - pelled, We'll bear Your cross till
 ech - oed where we're sent; And make our acts of



prom - ise sure That You are friend and Lord.
 ris - en life Through gifts of bread and wine.
 bound as one In faith and char - i - ty.
 cup of pain For Your com - pas - sion calls.
 truth pre - vails And jus - tice is up - held.
 serv - ice, Lord, A liv - ing sac - ra - ment.

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 Tune: FESTAL SONG, SM; William H. Walter, 1825-1893

Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell

Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

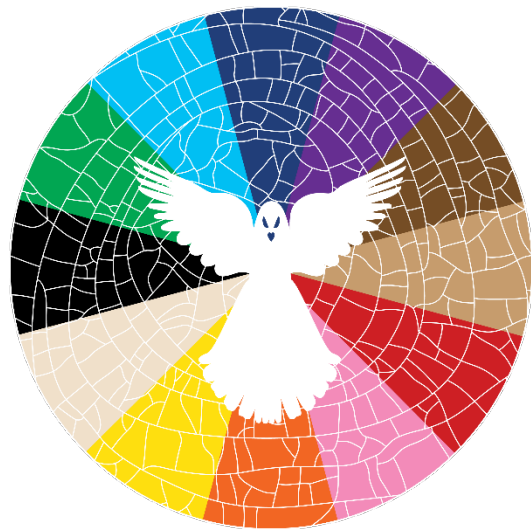
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