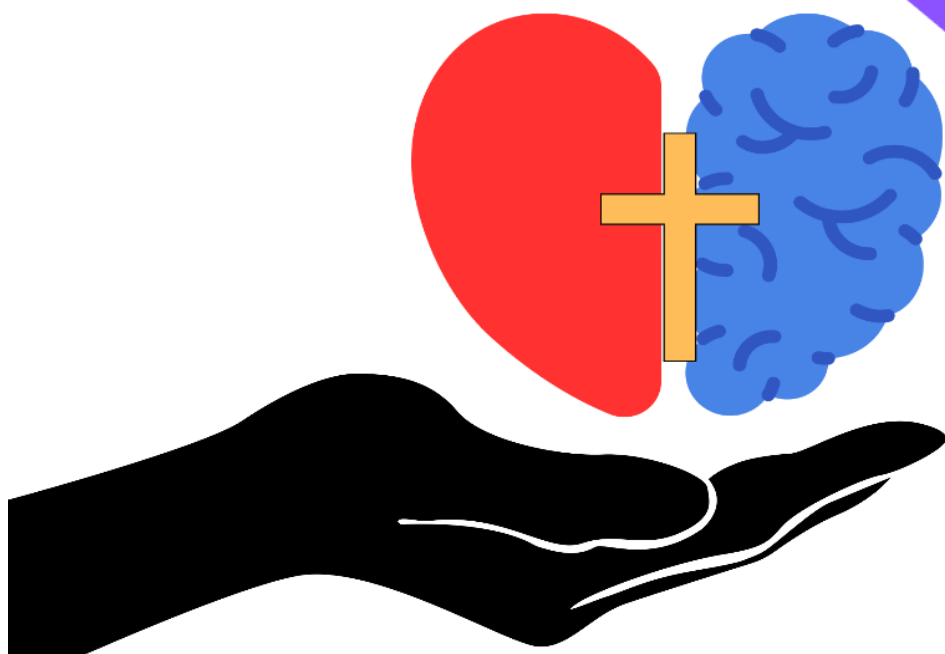


# MATTERS OF THE MIND



The Worship of God  
**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

March 26, 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

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Jones Horton, trombone and Emily Urbanek, piano  
Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)



### Call to Worship and Invocation

Grant Kinghorn



### \*Opening Hymn

“Now the Green Blade Riseth” stanzas 1 and 4

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FRENCH CAROL



### Welcome of Our Guests

Ella Shimkosi

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



### Hebrew Scripture – Psalm 88: 1-13 (NIV)

Langley Barfield

Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.  
May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.  
I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.  
I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength.  
I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,  
whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.  
You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.  
Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.  
You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.  
I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.  
I call to you, Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to you.  
Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do their spirits rise up and praise you?  
Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?  
Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?  
But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.



### Gospel Reading – John 14: 17-20 (Inclusive)

Harper Harris

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won’t leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you’ll see me; because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you’ll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you.

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.**

## Scripture Reflection

Eliza McClelland

## Musical Selection

Youth Ensemble, Tucker Pearsall, guitar, and J. Kevin Gray, piano

“Look Up”

*Joy Oladokun (b. 1992)*

Sometimes your life feels like a broken rollercoaster  
A thousand useless moving parts  
Sometimes you spend your nights  
Too scared of getting closer  
Hiding out in the back seat of your car

You tell yourself it's raining  
The clouds are in your head  
You tell yourself it's better  
To jump before you fall again  
Before you lose it all again

Refrain:  
Look up  
Do you see the sunlight?  
Look up  
There's flowers in your hair  
Hold on  
'Cause somebody loves you  
You know trouble's always gonna be there  
Don't let it bring you to your knees  
Look up

Mondays aren't always bright  
Some days, you lose the fight  
But life can be beautiful if you let it be  
Tomorrow keeps taunting you  
With all kinds of mystery  
It's a blank page for your poetry  
If you let it be

So don't tell yourself it's raining  
The clouds are in your head  
You tell yourself it's better  
To jump before you fall again  
Before you lose it all again [Refrain]

Sometimes your life feels like a broken rollercoaster  
A thousand useless moving parts [Refrain]

Trouble's always gonna be there  
Look up  
Don't let it bring you to your knees, look up

Sofia Bartholomew, soloist

## Senior Reflection

Conor Dougherty

## Meditation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

## \*Hymn

“Oh Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” stanzas 1, 2, and 3

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## Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Christopher and Bridget Dougherty

## 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

Anne Kinghorn

*A portion of today's offering will be donated to Time Out Youth, a Charlotte non-profit focusing on assistance and mental health resources for trans and LGBTQ+ youth.*

*Our youth are dedicated to supporting mental health for everyone and would like to share these resources with you.*

*Scan the QR code below for more information:*



## Offertory Anthem

“IV. Acclamation” from Gospel Mass

Chancel Choir, Carolina Social Club, and Youth Ensemble

Robert Ray (1946-2022)

## Recognition of Baptism Candidates

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Langley Barfield  
Kameron Griffin  
Harper Harris  
Harris Hatcher  
Tucker Pearsall

## \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Anne Kinghorn

## \*Closing Hymn

“God of Generations” stanzas 1, 3, and 4

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

God of generations, we are all your children;  
To your church we bring our gifts, our worship and our song.  
Young and old we follow, hand in hand together:  
In your great love, together we are strong.

Spirit, freely moving, giving youth a vision,  
By your grace young Jeremiah heard your loving call;  
Mary was a young one when she learned her mission:  
Through faithful youth, you offer truth to all.

God of men and women, Helper on our journey,  
You have called us in our faith to grow and to mature.  
May we keep on learning, worshiping and praying,  
That each new day, we'll serve you all the more.

## Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs

## Postlude “Air Varie”

Whit Dabbs, tuba and Emily Urbanek, piano  
Andrea Catozzi

***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. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation,  
are Members of the Youth Ministry.

Leading worship through music are  
Dr. Tony McNeill, Interim Minister of Music and Worship,  
Candace Williamson, Interim Children and Youth Music Coordinator,  
Emily Urbanek, Pianist,  
the Chancel Choir,  
and the Carolina Social Music Club:  
Greg Jarrell, saxophone,  
Dawn Anthony, vocals,  
Philip Howe, piano,  
Michael Gudbaur, bass  
Malcolm Charles, drums.




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



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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](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).

WE'RE  
GLAD YOU  
ARE HERE

Connect with us  
in one easy step.



# Now the Green Blade Riseth



1. Now the green blade ris - eth, from the bur - ied grain,  
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,  
 3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he nev - er would a - wake a - gain,  
 Je - sus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
 Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*



Love is - come a - gain, like wheat that spring - eth green.

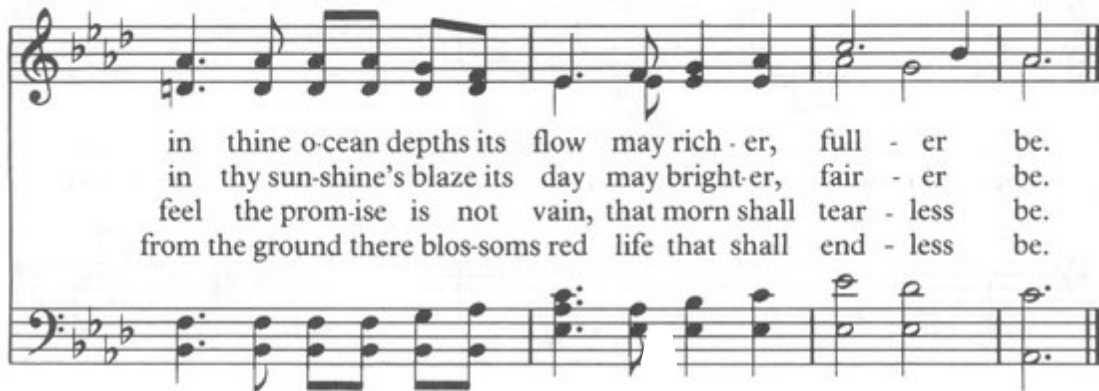
# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go



1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
 2. O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
 3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that  
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow thru the rain, and  
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and



in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
 in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright-er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom-ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

WORDS: George Matheson, 1882  
 MUSIC: Albert L. Peace, 1884

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## 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**

Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

**Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan**

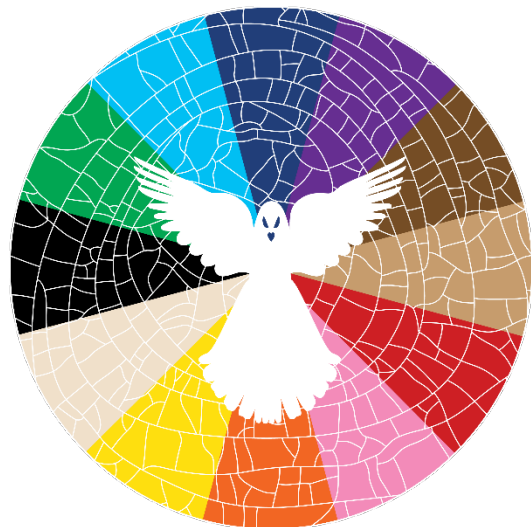
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