

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 17th Sunday of Pentecost

September 24, 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

Jane Cain, organ

“A Savior Now to Us Has Come”

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

***Opening Hymn**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

*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**

Moment of Engagement

Ben Kesterson

Gospel Reading – Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV

Valarie Kovolski

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a

denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 108 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

“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

See page 6.
Carey Landry

Sermon

“Give Us Today Our Daily Bread”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Musical Reflection

“O Love”

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

Chancel Choir
Elaine Hagenberg

Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

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. Leigh Anne Duncan

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

J. Kevin Gray

"Jesus Was Real"

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Never covered in robes, weighted down with gold,
he was never bought off, yet in the end he was sold,
he was real, that's what crowds all said.

He knew that greed created people in need, and
their bodies and souls he just wanted to feed,
he was real, that's what the empires feared.
And they still fear, when his spirit is near.

Chorus:

Jesus was real, like you and I he could feel.
He wasn't made out of stone, he was like grain in the field.
Grain made into bread, bread given for food,
not just transcendent thought, Jesus was real.

The poor flocked to him because they needed to see
this healer, this teacher from Galilee,
a flesh and blood man who saw the pain in their eyes.

He ate with sinners and saints, with the clean and unclean,
he preached love for each other, opened eyes to see,
the need for grace, and justice for all.
And if you listen close, you'll still hear his call. [Chorus]

What they saw in him they could see in,
if you poured yourself out and let God's light shine through,
you could be real, you could change the world,
just let go and lean into love.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

*Closing Hymn

"Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service" stanzas 1, 2, and 4

See page 7.
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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

"Grand Choeur"

Jane Cain, organ
Theodore Dubois

*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.

Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs, Alicia Dunn, Eric Roberts, 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.



THIS WEEK AT MPBC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00a: Reading in Community | Adults | Parlor
- 10:00a: Worship | Sanctuary
- 10:15a: Children's Worship | Room 108
- 11:15a: Spiritual Growth for Children | Room 108
- 11:15a: Spiritual Growth for Youth | Conference Room
- 11:15a: Exploring Spiritual Togetherness | Adults | Parlor
- 11:15a: Faith & Community | Adults | Shalom Hall
- 11:15a: "Help My Unbelief!" | Adults | Library
- 4:00p: Youth Block | Youth Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 4:30p: Mosaic Sage-ing | Adults | Library
- 5:30p: Mosaic Dinner | Heaton Hall
- 6:00p: Mosaic Kids | Room 208
- 6:15p: Back to Basics Bible Study | Open to All Ages | Library
- 6:15p: Do Miracles Matter? Topical Series | Open to All Ages | Room 254
- 6:15p: Ministry Meetings



For more information about MPBC events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code above
and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Please reach out to our Executive Minister Carrie Veal, with any questions regarding
programming: cveal@myersparkbaptistchurch.org

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Carey Landry

Refrain

Em Am Em

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, give us this day our dai - ly bread, give us this day our

6 Am Em Em

dai - ly bread, O Lord.

The bread of your word to teach_ us; the
The bread_ of faith_ to help us grow; the
The bread_ of jus-tice to chal-lenge us; the

11 Am Em Am Em

bread of our pra-yer to cen-ter us; the bread of life_ to nour-ish us, O Lord.
bread_ of hope to com-fort us; the bread of love_ to help us care, O Lord.
bread_ of giv-ing to raise us up; the bread of peace for all the world, O Lord.

Refrain after each verse

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

F C F B $\flat$ F C F C F

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble serv - ice bore the weight of
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to your serv - ice, forth in your dear

B $\flat$ C F C F B $\flat$ F C

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

F C F B $\flat$ C F Am Dm Gm

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed; we, your serv - ants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com -
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

C F Dm Am Gm B $\flat$ C F Gm C

wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your serv - ants,

F C F Am B $\flat$ F C F

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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

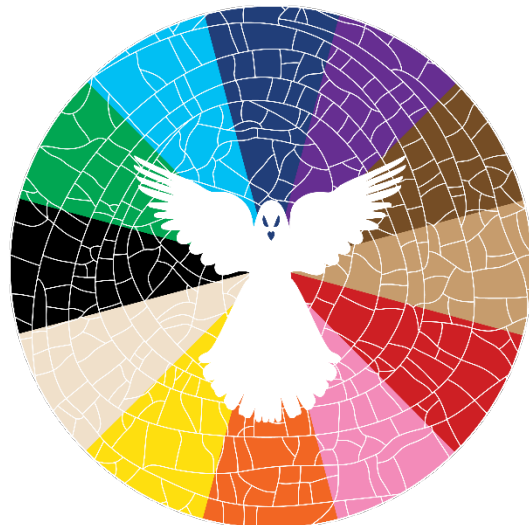
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Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

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Campus Administrator

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship



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