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The Worship of God  
**World Communion Sunday**

October 1, 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**

“Concerto in G Major”

Joachim Quantz

Musical Trio: Jane Cain, organ; Amy Orsinger, flute; Hollis Ulaky, oboe

### **Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Carrie Veal

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

see page 5.  
HOLY MANNA

### **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**

### **Hebrew Scripture – Psalm 23, adapted by Rev. Wil Gafney, Ph.D.**

Rev. Dr. Jerry S. Warmath

She Who Birthed the Earth is my shepherd, I shall not want.

In green pastures she makes me lie down; beside still waters she leads me.

My soul she restores; she leads me in right paths for her name’s sake.

Yea, even though I walk through Shadow-Valley Death,

I do not fear evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare before me a table in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Only goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of She Who is Faithful for days without end.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Children will return to the sanctuary to sit with their families for communion during the doxology.***

***Guests are welcome! Please scan the QR code to register if this is your first visit.***



### **\*Sermon Hymn**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

see page 6.  
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### **Sermon**

“Prepare a Table Before Me”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

## Musical Meditation

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

American Folk Hymn, Melody from Southern Harmony

Chancel Choir  
arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Psalm 23 Paraphrase by Isaac Watts (1674-1740)

## Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

## Invitation to Offering

Rev. Carrie Veal

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



## Offertory

“Largo” from “Concerto in G Major”

Musical Trio  
Joachim Quantz

## \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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**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. Dr. JJ Flag

## Communion

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell and Rev. Carrie Veal

## Invitation to the Table

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

## Words of Institution

*All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or pre-packaged, gluten-free elements.  
If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and a Minister will assist you.*

## Music During Communion

“Latin Bread Prayer”

McKenzie Coleman, solo  
arr. as by Jazz Theodicy

### \*Closing Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

See page 7.  
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### Postlude

“Fanfare for Organ”

Jane Cain, organ  
Ronald Arnatt

*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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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).

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ARE HERE

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in one easy step.



### THIS WEEK AT MPBC

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00a: Reading in Community | Adults | Parlor  
10:00a: Worship | Sanctuary  
10:15a: Children's Worship | Room 108  
11:15a: Coffee Connections | Heaton Hall Foyer  
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!” | Hybrid | Adults | Library  
4:00p: Youth Block | Youth Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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



WEEKLY NEWS

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](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptistchurch.org)

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990

MUSIC: William Moore's *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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HOLY MANNA

8.7.8.7.D

(alternate harmonization, 396)

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

C F G Dm

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

C G C F G

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,  
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Dm C G7 C *Refrain* Am C7/G

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

F Dm G C Dm7/F C

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Words: Fred Kaan, 1929–2009

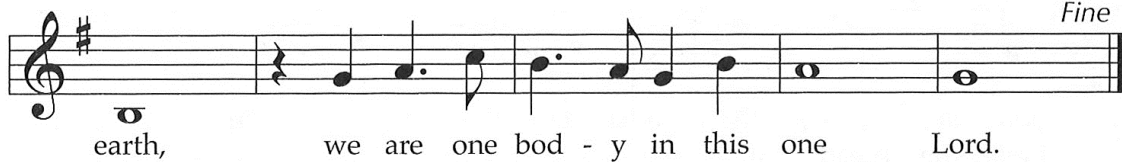
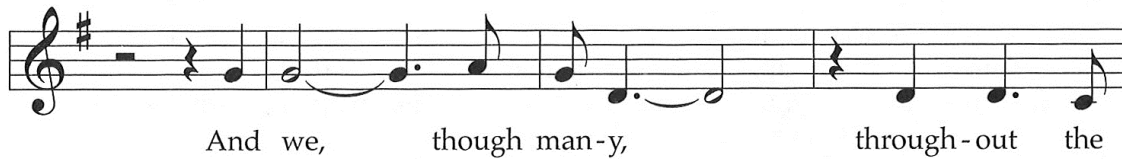
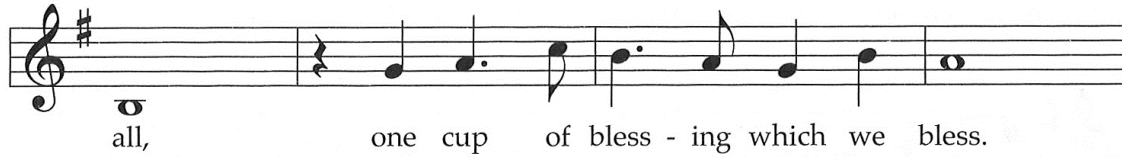
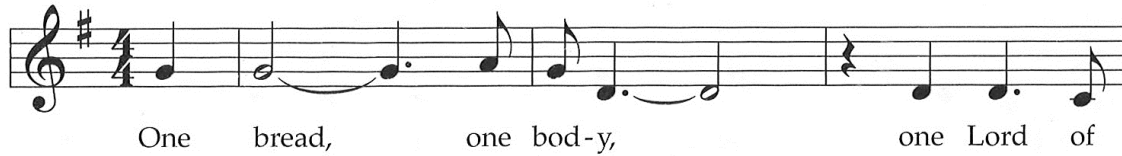
Music: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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Netherlands/Jamaica  
 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) and refrain  
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# One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



1 Gen - tile or Jew,	ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
3 Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and

*to Refrain*



free,	wom - an	or man,	no more.
works,	one in	the Lord	of all.
grown,	gath-ered	to one,	for all.

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.



## 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**

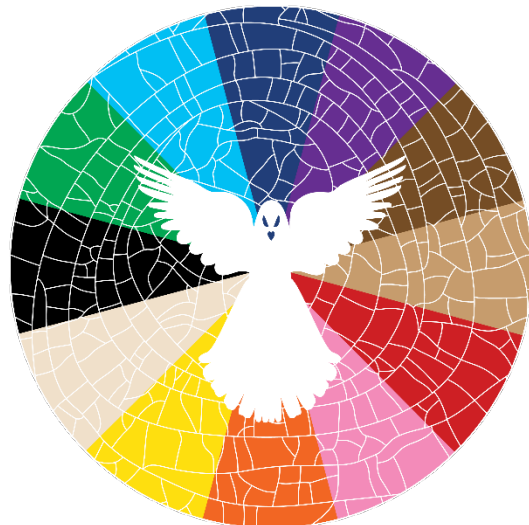
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

**Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan**

Campus Administrator

**J. Kevin Gray**

Minister of Music & Worship



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