



Sandpainting by Deborah Foster, Navajo

The Worship of God
Indigenous People Sunday

October 8, 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

“Blessed Assurance”

Jane Cain, organ
J. Bert Carlson

Call to Worship and Invocation

Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

***Opening Hymn**

“Many and Great”

See page 9.
LAQUIPARLE

Welcome of Our Guests

Candace Williamson

*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**

Great Spirit Prayer

Ron Diaz, Lumbee Tribe of NC

O, Great Spirit,
whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to all the world.
Hear me! I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes
ever hold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.

Help me remain calm and strong in the
face of all that comes towards me.
Help me find compassion without
empathy overwhelming me.
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy: myself.
Make me always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.

Translated by Lakota Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in 1887

Hebrew Scripture – Habakkuk 2:1-4 NRSV

Ella Shimkosi

I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Musical Reflection

J. Kevin Gray

New Testament Reading – Acts 2:14-21 First Nations Translation

Ella Shimkosi

Stands on the Rock (Peter), along with eleven other message bearers, stood up to the crowd, and with a loud voice said, “Tribal members from far away and all who live in Village of Peace (Jerusalem), listen closely to me. I will tell you what this means!”

The crowd became quiet and turned to hear Stands on the Rock (Peter).

“No one among us is drunk on wine, for it is still the middle of the morning. This is not what you think it is. This is what the prophet Creator Is the Great Spirit (Joel) spoke of long ago when he said, ‘In the last days,’ says Creator, ‘I will rain down my Spirit upon all human beings from every nation. Your sons and daughters will see prophecy. Young warriors will see visions and elders will have dreams. When the time comes, my Spirit will rain down on all who serve me, both men and women, and they will boldly speak my words. There will be powerful signs and omens in the spirit-world above and on the earth below—blood and fire with clouds of smoke. The sun will grow dark and the moon will be red like blood, as the great and dreadful day of Creator shines like the sun. Then the ones who cry out to the Great Spirit will be made whole and set free.’”

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 with Children’s Worship leaders.
Parents can pick up children from room 108 in the education building between 11 -11:15.***

*Sermon Hymn

“Heleluyan, We Are Singing”

See page 10.
HELELUYAN

Sermon

“Write the Vision”

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Musical Reflection

“God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire”

God's gonna set dis world on fiyer,
God's gonna set dis world on fiyer one of these days hallelujah,
God's gonna set dis world on fiyer,
God's gonna set dis world on fiyer, one of these days.

I’m gonna sit at the welcome table,
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days hallelujah,
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table,
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

Chancel Choir
arr. Moses Hogan

I'm gonna eat and never get hungry,
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry,
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days.

I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty,
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty,
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days.

God's gonna set dis world on fiyer,
God's gonna set dis world on fiyer one of these days hallelujah
God's gonna set dis world on fiyer,
God's gonna set dis world on fiyer, one of these days.

Church at Prayer

Dr. John Blackshire

The Lord's Prayer

O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe, You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place. Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon. Whatever you want done, let it, also be done everywhere. Give us your gift of bread day by day. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Take us away from wrong doings. Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you. Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

*This version was written by Hattie Corbett Enos, Nez Perce, great grandmother of
Rev. Irvin Porter Gifts of Many Cultures, 1995, Maren C. Tirabassi and
Kathy Wonson Eddy, United Church Press, Cleveland, OH.*

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

There are several ways to give:
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Offertory Anthem

Madeline Beitel
Pepper Choplin

"Give Us a Vision"

Come, O Lord, look on your people;
wand'ring and lost with no shepherd but you.
Without your light your people will perish.
Lift us again and make our hearts new.
Give us a vision, a vision of you.
Mold us and make us a people of truth.
Come Spirit, feed us and lead us to do your holy mission,
O give us a vision of you.

We bring thankfulness for yesterday's blessings;
we have hopes and dreams of days yet to be.
So God of Light, come lift all our blindness,
make your way plain until we can see.
Lord, come and give us a vision, a vision of you.

Mold us and make us a people of truth.
Come Spirit, feed us and lead us to do your holy mission,
O give us a vision of you.

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

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.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

***Closing Hymn**

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

See page 11.

THAXTED

Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Postlude

“Chorale-Prelude on OLD HUNDREDTH”

Jane Cain, organ

Johann Pachelbel


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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THIS WEEK AT MPBC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 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 11

- 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



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

MANY AND GREAT

LAQUIPARLE



1. Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of
2. Grant us com - mu - nion with you, our God, Though you tran -



1. earth and sky; Your hands have set the
2. scend the stars. Come close to us and



1. heav - ens with stars; Your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and
2. stay by our side: With you are found the true gifts that



1. plains. You mere - ly spoke and wa - ters were
2. last. Bless us with life which nev - er shall



1. formed; Deep seas o - bey your voice.
2. end, E - ter - nal life with you.

Text: 96 99 96; *Wakantanka tuki nitawa*; Dakota hymn; para. by Phillip Frazier, 1892–1964.
Music: *Dakota Odowan*, 1879.

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

Refrain

All ³

He - le - lu - yan, we are sing - ing.

He - le, he - le - lu - yan. ³ He - le - lu - yan,

Fine

now and al - ways. He - le, he - le - lu - yan.

Leader

1 Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways:
 2 Town and coun-try peo - ple sing to Je - sus:
 3 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:

All

he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

Leader

Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways:
 Town and coun-try peo - ple sing to Je - sus:
 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:

All *to Refrain*

he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

This Muscogee hymn is a Trail of Tears song, a testimony that their Christian faith was more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. Revered and cherished, it remains the most popular Muscogee hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma.

TEXT: Muscogee (Creek) hymn; English vers. Brian Wren, 2008
 MUSIC: Muscogee (Creek) melody; transcr. Carlton R. Young, 2008
 English Vers. and Music Transcr. © 2008 General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik

HELELUYAN
 Irregular

Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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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.

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Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

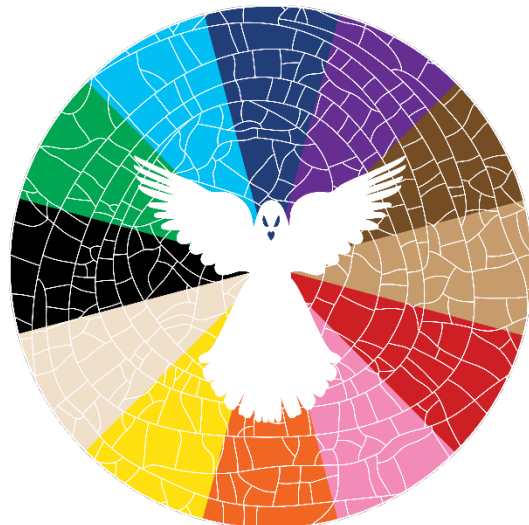
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