



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice



The Worship of God

## **World Communion Sunday**

October 2, 2022 | 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**

Carolina Social Music Club  
Helen Baylor (b. 1954)

### **“Doxology”**

Oh shout unto God with joy in all the earth,  
come together before Him  
with gladness and with praise.  
Know that the Lord has made us,  
we are His alone,  
singing His praises now and ever more.

[Chorus:]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all ye creatures here below.  
Praise Him above all ye heavenly hosts,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Oh gather before His throne and praise His name,  
Lord of mercy and faithful love that never ends.  
Called to be holy people,  
we are His alone,  
singing His praises now and ever more. [Chorus]

[Chorus: in Spanish]

Al Padre, Al Hijoy Al Espirito,  
Alabanzas y gracias amor y verdad.  
Al Padre, Al Hijoy Al Espirito,  
cielo y tierra alaben Al Dios de Bondad. [Chorus]

Oh, shout unto God  
with joy in all the earth.

## **Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Carrie Veal

### **\*Opening Song**

“Gather Us In”

See page 7.  
GATHER US IN

## **Welcome of Our Guests**

Rev. Carrie Veal

*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**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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 a Children’s Worship Time. They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary by the piano and return to the Sanctuary for Communion. Children may be picked up at the pews by the piano following worship.***

### Sermon Song

Carolina Social Music Club  
Abbey Lincoln (1930-2010)

“Long As You’re Living”  
forgive me if i seem to preach  
but there is something that i want to say  
a message that i hope will reach  
people who are throwing life away  
i call it my philosophy  
that is why i pass it on to you  
because it works so well for me  
it helps me get away from strife  
i hope you listen carefully  
they say the truth will make you free  
and that's the way you want to be  
'cause brother this is your life

long as you're livin'  
always remember  
time is for spendin'  
but there's an ending  
while you are sleepin'  
lifetime is creepin'  
wake up and taste it  
foolish to waste it  
sample and savor  
all of it's flavor  
long as you're livin'

long as you're livin'  
always remember  
folks who are lazy  
are playing crazy  
better keep movin'  
keep on improvin'  
you won't be hurried  
after you're buried  
live every minute  
put yourself in it  
long as you're livin'

long as you're livin'  
always remember  
you'll never beat life  
don't try to cheat life  
all in are brothers  
do unto others  
love's for enjoying  
hate's for destroying  
never forget it  
or you'll regret it  
long as your livin

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### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“The Story of Separation”

### Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Joe Aldrich

### Church at Prayer

### Invitation to Offering

*There are several ways to give:  
scan the QR code below, go to [pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist](https://pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist),  
contact Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan, or drop your offering in the plate.*



### Offertory Anthem

“Yesu Azali Awa” (Jesus Is Here With Us)

Chancel Choir  
Congolese Folk Hymn; arr. Mark Burrows (b. 1971)

Yesu azali awa, na biso  
Jesus is here with us.  
Biso tokokutana, na Yesu  
We will again meet Jesus.

Jim Brock, percussion

### **\*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. Joe Aldrich

### **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**

*You are invited to come forward to receive pre-packaged  
Communion elements to consume during or after the service.*

### **Music During Communion**

Carolina Social Music Club

Bernice Johnson Reagon (b. 1942)

#### **"Give Your Hands to Struggle"**

If you see me stumble,  
Don't stand back and look on.  
Reach out, now, brother.  
Give your hands to struggle.

If you feel my heart break,  
Don't just count the soundwaves.  
Hold me close, now, baby.  
Give your arms to struggle.

If you see me crying,  
Don't just pat my shoulder.  
Help me go on, right on.  
Give me your strength to struggle.

If you hear my lovesong,  
Don't stand back and listen.  
Help me sing it right now.  
Give your voice to struggle.

Then, we'll be moving.  
We'll be really moving,  
Building up our union,  
If we give our all to struggle.

### **\*Closing Song**

#### **"Thank You, Lord"**

Traditional

**Thank you, Lord.  
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

**Been so good.  
I just want to thank you, Lord.**



“Doxology” reprise

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,  
are Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community and Engagement,  
Rev. Joe Aldrich, Executive Minister of Caregiving and Leadership,  
and Beth Resler Walters, Member of the Congregation.

Leading worship through music are  
Frances Morrison, Interim Minister of Music and Worship,  
Members of the Chancel Choir,  
and the Carolina Social Music Club:  
Greg Jarrell, *saxophone*  
Dawn Anthony, *vocals*  
Troy Conn, *guitar*  
Mike Gudbaur, *bass*  
Jim Brock, *percussion*

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Hannah Combs and volunteers.

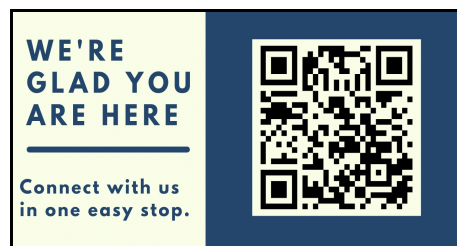
All scriptures, unless otherwise noted, are from  
Rev. Wil Gafney, Ph.D, “A Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church, Year W.”

We give God thanks for the work and ministry of Izzy Simpson,  
Youth Services Coordinator at the Cornwell Center, who joined our staff on October 7, 2015.

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of Baptists

### 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](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).



# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## 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. Joseph Aldrich**  
Executive Minister of Caregiving & Leadership

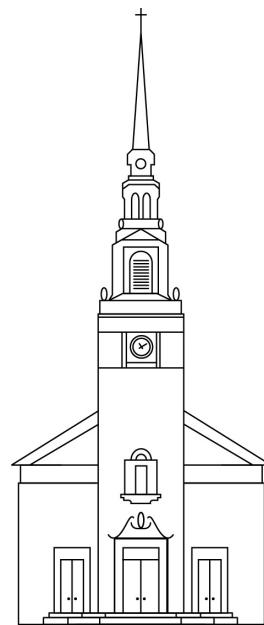
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Executive Minister of Community & Engagement

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**  
Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan**  
Campus Administrator

**Frances L. Morrison**  
Interim Minister of Music & Worship

**John Richardson**  
Organist



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