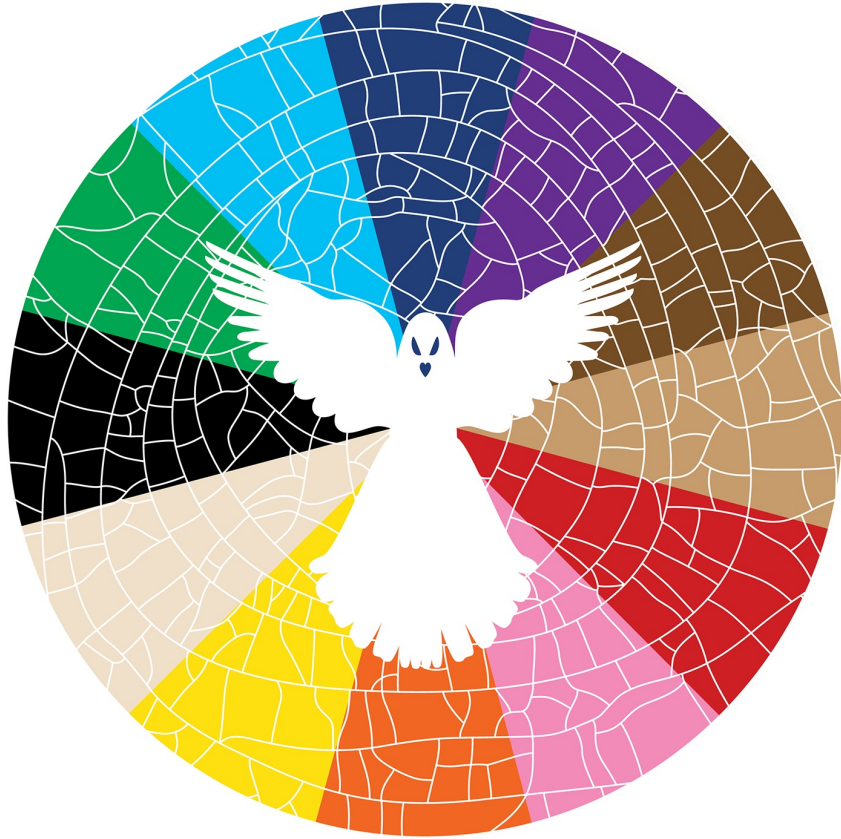


OPEN TO ALL



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10, 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 now optional for worship and in small group settings for adults. Until notified otherwise, children and youth will be masked while indoors in their small groups, but masks will be optional for them while outside.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – 5 years. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

“Nocturne”

Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Emily Chatham, violin; John Richardson, organ

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Mia McClain

*Opening Hymn

During the singing of this hymn, the congregation is invited to wave their palms to remember Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.
Children’s Choir members are invited to come forward to the Chancel steps during the singing of the hymn.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain.]**

**To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain.]**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! [Refrain.]**

Anthem

“Hosanna”

Carol Choir and Chapel Choir
Charlotte Judge (contemporary)

Hosanna blessed is He
Blessed is Jesus who comes
Hosanna Blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the lord.

Wave your palm branches high
Hosanna blessed is He
Jesus comes riding a donkey
Hosanna blessed is He

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!
Raise your palm branches high!

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman

*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

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Mia McClain

Text giveMPBC to 833.833.3995.

Offertory

“Violin Sonata In D-Major”

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Emily Chatham, violin; John Richardson, organ

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-17 (Gafney); 26:1-5 (NRSV)

Grant Kinghorn

Now they had come near Jerusalem and reached Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village before you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; release them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Son of Woman needs them.’ And they will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Look, your sovereign is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that were going before him and the one following were shouting, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One! Hosanna in the highest!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shook, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and the tables of the moneychangers he overturned, as well as the station of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you all are making it a den of robbers.” And they came to him in the temple, those who were blind and disabled, and he cured them. Now when the chief priests and the religious scholars saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the girls and boys crying in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry. They said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’” He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.” Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

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.

*Sermon Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“In lowly pomp, we ride on”

Procession of the Cross

“Adagio in g minor”

Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751)

Emily Chatham, *violin*; John Richardson, *organ*

Church at Prayer

Rev. Mia McClain

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.

Solemn Procession of the Cross

“Nunc Dimittis”

Chancel Choir
Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum, in pace.
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum,

Now let your servant depart, O Lord,
according to your word, in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,

Quod parasti ante facem omnium populorum,
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Which you have prepared before the face of all people,
A light for the revelation of the Gentiles,
and a glory of your people Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will always be,
forever and ever. Amen.

--Luke 2:29-32 with the Lesser Doxology

***The cross is carried out, followed by the ministers, congregation, and the choir.
Please bring your worship bulletin and draw near to the cross.***

Invitation to Silent Confession/Reflection

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
before the cross of Jesus,
we bring the brokenness of our lives and the world around us.
Before the cross of Jesus,
we confess our ease in shouting “Hosanna,”
while later denying him three times.
Before the cross of Jesus,
our pretense falls away and we are reminded
that the only cross we are called to carry is our own.
Before this cross we confess
we can only be who and what we are,
nothing more, no one else. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beyond the stark reality of this cross,
we glimpse the promise of something new.
People: **Before the cross of Jesus,
we discover the way to healing and new life.**

Raising of the Cross

Instrumental Solo

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

Emily Chatham, violin

The congregation is invited to lay their palms at the foot of the cross.

Ages 3 to kindergarten will meet their teachers for Spiritual Growth in Room 107;
1st to 12th graders will meet for Spiritual Growth in the Education Bldg. Conference Room;
childcare will continue to be provided for all other children. There will be no Youth Block today.

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,
are Rev. Mia McClain, Associate Minister,
Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Campus Administrator,
and Grant Kinghorn, Lay Participant.

Leading worship through music are
Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship,
Members of the Chancel Choir,
Anna-Catherine Fowler, Children's Choir Director,
the Carol and Chapel Choirs,
John Richardson, Organist,
and Emily Chatham, Violinist.



The acolytes are members of the Youth and College Ministry.



We give God thanks for the ministry and work of Rev. Mia M. McClain,
Associate Minister, who joined our staff on April 9, 2019.



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



Worship Services through May

April 2022

- 15 | Good Friday | Communion** | choral music begins at 6:45p
- 17 | Easter Sunday | RAIN AIDS Walk** breakfast 9:00a | Music of Easter begins at 9:30a | **Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell** preaching during worship
- 24 | Earth Day Sunday** | with Indigenous music | 10a in the Sanctuary

May 2022

- 1 | Children's Sabbath** | 10a in the Sanctuary
- 8 | Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton**, Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity, preaching | 10a in the Sanctuary
- 15 | Youth Sunday** | 10a in the Sanctuary
- 22 | Worship** | 10a in the Sanctuary | Jazz with Carolina Social Music Club
- 29 | Worship** | 10a in the Sanctuary | Communion



We occasionally take photographs during our worship service.
If you would prefer not to be included, please contact
Laura Geer, Director of Communications, at lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.



The Labyrinth is open day and night for walking meditation.



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.



MOBILE GIVING

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It is secure, simple, and efficient:

- Text giveMPBC (not case-sensitive) to 833.833.3995.
- When you receive a message, click on the link provided and follow the instructions.
- You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received. It is that simple!

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator,
at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org



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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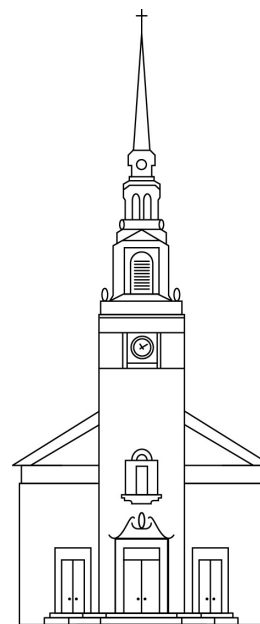
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