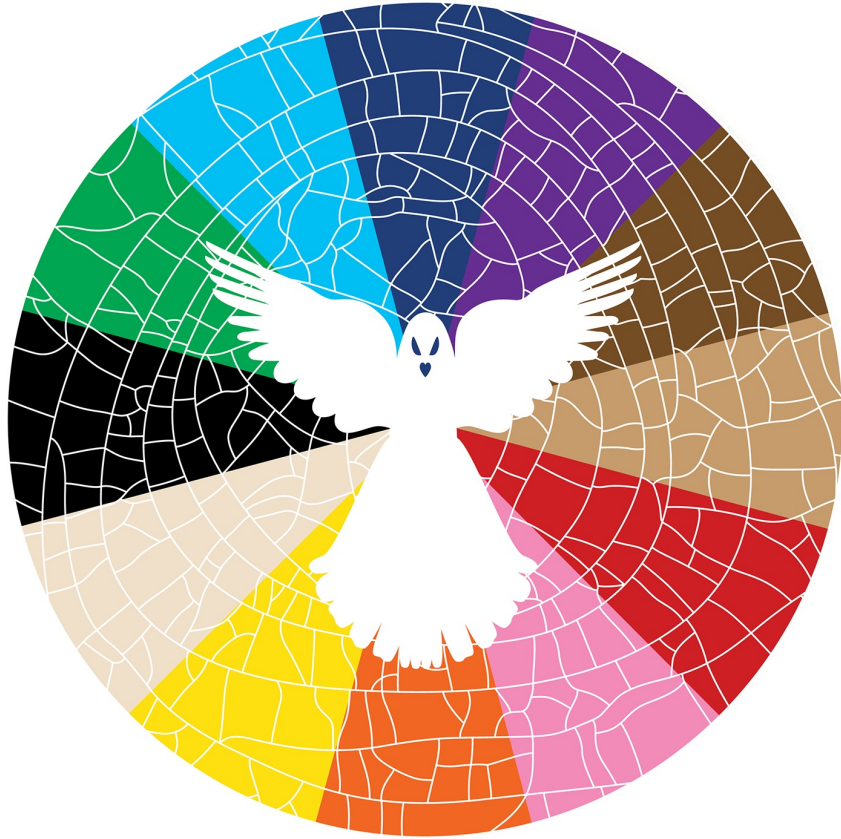


OPEN TO ALL



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

March 13, 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.

Each person involved in leading worship today (ministers and choir) has provided proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and they may choose to be unmasked when leading.

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

“Tsetono”

Christine K. Brückner (b. 1967)

Liselyn Adams, flute; Janice Bradner, piano

Call to Worship

Rev. Carrie Veal

*Opening Hymn

“Take My Life and Let It Be” (v. 1-2)

HENDON

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.**

**Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

Frances Havergal was a Nineteenth century woman-identified hymnwriter and poet. More than 50 hymns of hers have been published in hymnals (many of which were not published for the first time until after her death). The hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" remains her best known hymn.

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Mia McClain

*If you are our guest today, **please text “guest”** to 980.340.8900
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

*Are you a new member? Are you curious about joining? Trying to discover how to get involved
You are invited to our Navigating Series. Please contact Rev. Carrie Veal to learn more and register.*

*Passing of the Peace

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14 (Gafney); 15-18 (Inclusive Bible)

Luisa Menge

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being that came into being. What has come into being in the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the bleakness, and the bleakness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was created through him; yet the world did not know him. To his own he came and his own did not receive him. But all who did accept him, who believed in his name, he empowered to become children of God – that is, those who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of a human person, but of God. And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of a parent’s only child, full of grace and truth.

John testified by proclaiming, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.’” Of this One’s fullness we’ve all had a share – gift on top of gift. For while the Law was given through Moses, the Gift – and the Truth – came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the Only Begotten, ever at Abba’s side, who has revealed God to us.

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 Anthem

“Come and Walk With Me”

Chancel Choir
Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Come and walk with me, my sister, lift your heart and lift your voice.
Come and walk with me, my brother, in your presence, I rejoice.

Blessed Saviour, hear us calling, O refresh us yet anew,
may your presence fill our hearts and minds as you see our journey through.

Give us strength to love each other, give us peace to show your love.
Give us faith in every step we take, till we meet in heaven above.

I will share your joy with laughter, for I know that grace provides,
as I comfort you in sorrow, God’s eternal love abides.

When the sunlight turns to shadow, and the shadow turned to night,
we will share our song in glory as the darkness turns to light.

As the angels sing in heaven, grant that all our songs shall be
filled with hope and joy and wonder, as you set our spirits free.

Take my hand along the journey, come and set my spirit free.

*Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer and church music director.
Her choral music is hailed among the best of her generation.*

Sermon

“The Word”

Rev. Nicole Garcia

Rev. Garcia is Pastor and Therapist of The Umbrella Collective in Boulder, Colorado. She is the first queer transgender Latina ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Carrie Veal

Church at Prayer

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. Mia McClain

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Offertory

"Scherzo" from *Sonata for Flute and Piano*

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

Liselyn Adams, *flute*; Janice Bradner, *piano*

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (v. 3-4)

HENDON

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, God for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mia McClain

*Closing Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (v. 5-6)

HENDON

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

Rev. Nicole Garcia

Postlude

"Toccata Brillante" (We Will Glorify)

John Richardson, organ
Twila Paris (b. 1959); arr. Bock

Please join Rev. Garcia for Sermon TalkBack in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Youth is also invited to attend.

All children ages three and older will meet in the Foyer and have Spiritual Growth in Shalom Hall. Parents are asked to pick up their children in Shalom Hall following TalkBack.

Are you a new member? Are you curious about joining? Trying to discover how to get involved? You are invited to our Navigating Series. Please contact Rev. Carrie Veal to learn more and register.

Leading worship today with Rev. Nicole Garcia, Guest Proclaimer,
are Rev. Mia McClain, Associate Minister,
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community and Engagement,
and Luisa Menge, Visiting Youth from Berlin, Germany
who is staying with the Blanchard-Dougherty Family.

Leading worship through music are
Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship,
John Richardson, Organist,
and the Chancel Choir.



The acolytes are members of the Youth and College Ministry.



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.



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

The labyrinth is available day and night for walking meditation.



CURRENT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- I. **All those age three and over must be masked while indoors.** This will continue even as we see the vaccine become available for all ages.
- II. All food must be consumed outside.

Children and youth programming will happen indoors in the spaces listed below. **Masks are required for everyone age 3 and older.**

Childcare | 9:30 – 11:15a

- Birth – 2 | Nursery
- Ages 3 – 4 | Room 107
- Ages 5 - K | Room 108
- 1st – 12th graders will be in the Sanctuary for worship

Spiritual Growth Time | 11:15a – 12:00p

- Birth – Age 2 | Nursery
- Ages 3 and older | meet in the Foyer | parents pickup in Shalom Hall following TalkBack

Sunday Mornings through Easter

March 2022 | Women's History Month

- 20 |** Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community & Engagement
- 27 |** Rev. Tara Gibbs, Minister of Youth and College | followed by **Spring Lunch** in Heaton Hall

April 2022

- 3 |** Rev. Mia McClain, Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth and Outreach | Joining Sunday
- 10 |** Palm/Passion Sunday | Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell returns to the pulpit from sabbatical leave
- 17 |** Easter Sunday | RAINWALK breakfast 9:00a | Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell preaching during worship

**WE'RE
GLAD YOU
ARE HERE**

**Connect with us
in one easy stop.**



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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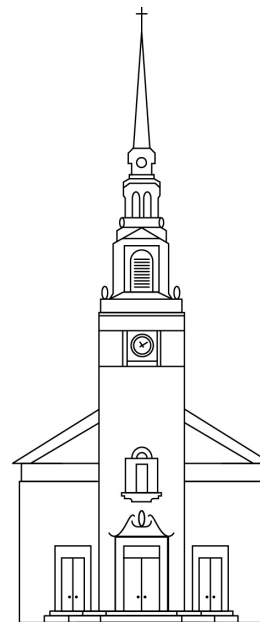
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