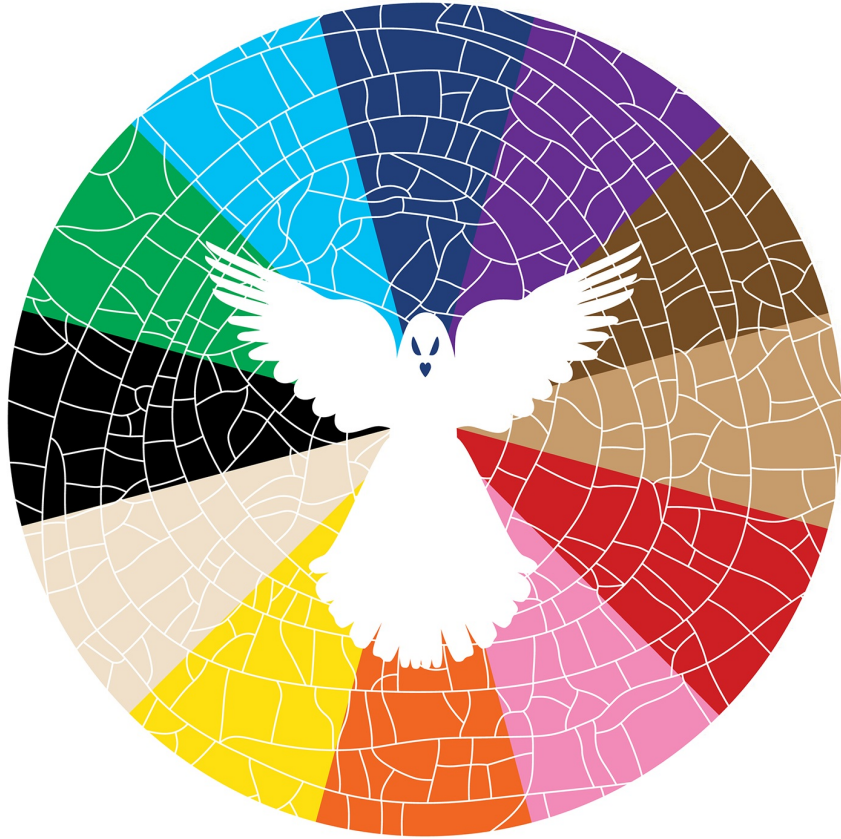


OPEN TO ALL



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

Ascension Sunday | Communion

May 29, 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

“Prelude in Classic Style”

John Richardson, organ
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Call to Worship

Rev. Joe Aldrich

***Opening Hymn**

“O Christ, You Did No Violence”

See page 6.
AURELIA

Moment for Justice and Outreach: Freedom School

Laura Handler

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*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**

Gospel Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Ted Phillips

“In the first writing, I worked on, Theophilus, everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day he instructed the apostles whom he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. Jesus presented himself to them, living, after his suffering through many convincing proofs, by appearing to them forty days and speaking about the reign of God. And staying with them, Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, rather to wait there for the promise of the Faithful God, “what you heard from me.” For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from this one.”

When they [the disciples], came together, they asked Jesus, “Rabbi, is this the time when you will restore sovereignty to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Sovereign God has set through divine authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And saying this, as they were watching Jesus was taken up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While they were gazing up toward heaven as Jesus was going, suddenly two in white robes stood by them. They said, “Galileans, why are you standing looking up into heaven. This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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**

“God, Our Nation Feels the Loss”

See page 7.

PILOT

Sermon

“Don’t Look Up”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Joe Aldrich

Church at Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Text giveMPBC to 833.833.3995.

Offertory

“Panis Angelicus” from Messe Solonelle, Op. 12

Chancel Choir
César Franck, arr. Daniel Kelley

Devin Green, *clarinet*; John Richardson, *piano*

***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. Tara Gibbs

Communion

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell and Rev. Tara Gibbs

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

X. "Ave Verum," Stabat Mater

Ave verum Corpus
natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum,
unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals.
Whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood:
be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
during the final examination of death.
O sweet Jesus. O pure Jesus,
O Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Chancel Choir
Karl Jenkins (b. 1944)

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark, soprano

*Closing Hymn

"God of Mercy, You Have Shown Us"

BEACH SPRING

**God of mercy, you have shown us ways of living that are good:
Work for justice, treasure kindness, humbly journey with the Lord.
Yet your people here are grieving, hurt by weapons that destroy.
Help us turn to you, believing in your way that brings us joy.**

**On a street where neighbors gather, shots are heard; a young girl dies.
On a campus, students scatter as the violence claims more lives.
In a family filled with anger, tempers flare and shots resound.
God of love, we weep and wonder at the violence all around.**

**God, we pray for those who suffer when this world seems so unfair;
May your church be quick to offer loving comfort, gentle care.
And we pray: Amid the violence, may we speak your truth, O Lord!
Give us strength to break the silence, saying, "This can be no more!"**

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

Improvisation on "Wairua Tapu"

John Richardson, organ
John Richardson (melody: Swee Hong Lim)

*Immediately following worship, all are invited for lemonade and
community rebuilding on the Sanctuary front porch.*

Sermon TalkBack will begin next Sunday, June 5.

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,
are Rev. Tara Gibbs, Minister of Youth and College
Rev. Joe Aldrich, Executive Minister of Caregiving and Leadership,
and Ted Phillips, Lay Participant.

Leading worship through music are
John Richardson, Conductor and Organist,
Janice Bradner, Accompanist,
Devin Green, Clarinetist,
and Members of the Chancel Choir.

The acolytes are members of the Youth and College Ministry.



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Saxon Boswell on the anniversary of his birth by Gay Boswell.



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



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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!

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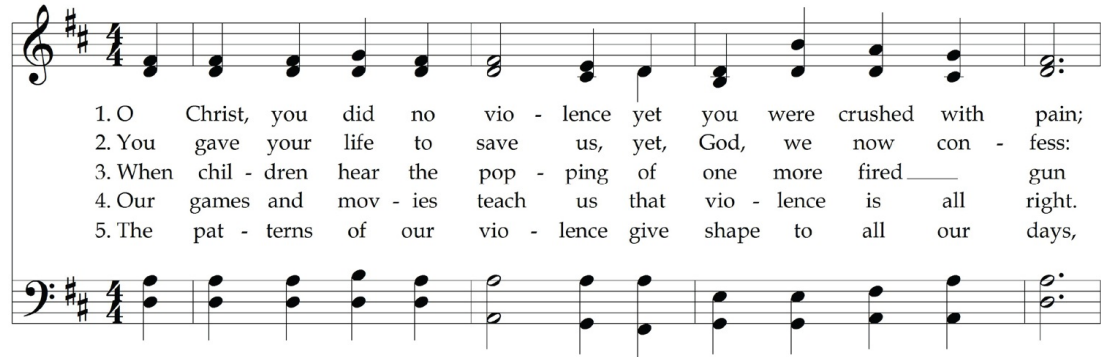
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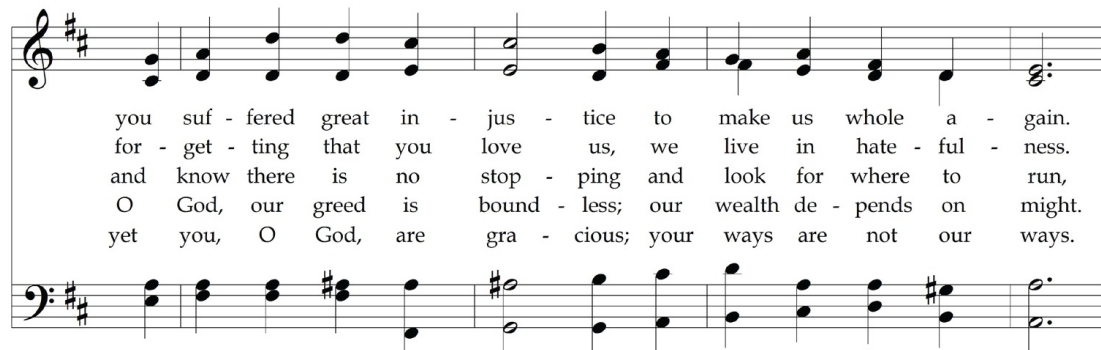
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CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE

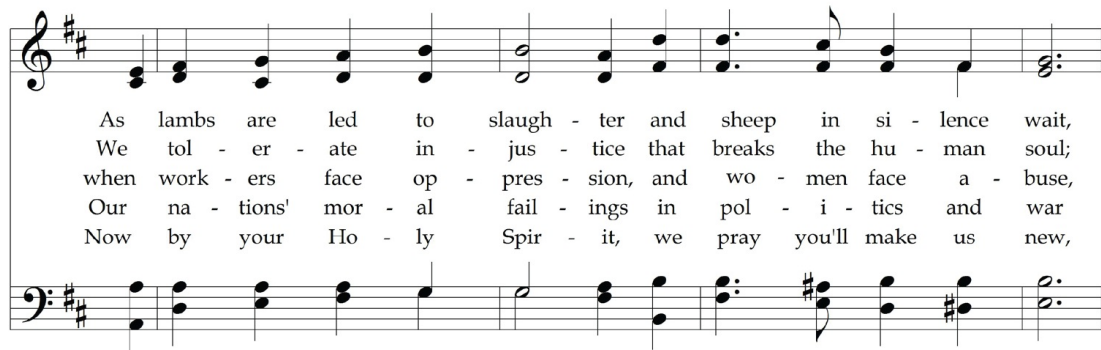
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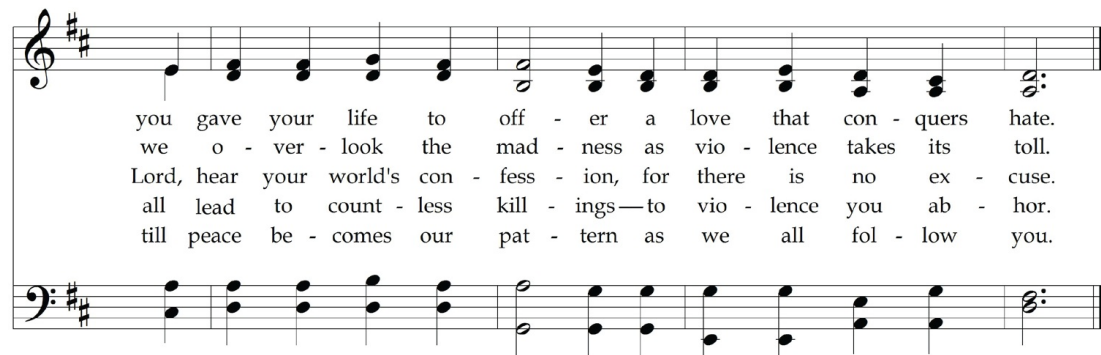
1. O Christ, you did no vio - lence yet you were crushed with pain;
 2. You gave your life to save us, yet, God, we now con - fess:
 3. When chil - dren hear the pop - ping of one more fired — gun
 4. Our games and mov - ies teach us that vio - lence is all right.
 5. The pat - terns of our vio - lence give shape to all our days,



you suf - fered great in - jus - tice to make us whole a - gain.
 for - get - ting that you love us, we live in hate - ful - ness.
 and know there is no stop - ping and look for where to run,
 O God, our greed is bound - less; our wealth de - pends on might.
 yet you, O God, are gra - cious; your ways are not our ways.



As lambs are led to slaugh - ter and sheep in si - lence wait,
 We tol - er - ate in - jus - tice that breaks the hu - man soul;
 when work - ers face op - pres - sion, and wo - men face a - buse,
 Our na - tions' mor - al fail - ings in pol - i - tics and war
 Now by your Ho - ly Spir - it, we pray you'll make us new,



you gave your life to off - er a love that con - quers hate.
 we o - ver - look the mad - ness as vio - lence takes its toll.
 Lord, hear your world's con - fess - ion, for there is no ex - cuse.
 all lead to count - less kill - ings—to vio - lence you ab - hor.
 till peace be - comes our pat - tern as we all fol - low you.

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God, Our Nation Feels the Loss

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Pilot

John E. Gould, 1871

1. God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil-dren pay the
2. Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a -
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus'

cost for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the
- way!" May we build a kind - er land where our
name. May we shout and say, "E - nough!" May we

si - lence we have kept. Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren
chil - dren un - der - stand: Ev - ery child here mat - ters
build a world of love— till the sounds of weap - ons

gone; God of love, this can't go on!
more than the guns we clam - or for.
cease, till our young can grow in peace.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features three systems of staves. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal parts. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings like '3' for triplets.

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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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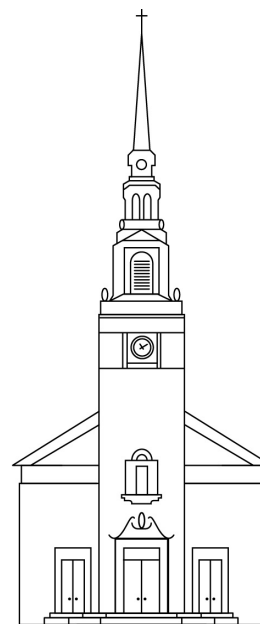
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