



MYERS PARK
COVENANT
CHURCH

The Worship of God

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

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.

Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on main level). Please see a greeter for more information.

Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

We invite you to prepare for worship in silence while listening to the prelude.

Prelude

Beach Spring

Janet Linker

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

Call to Worship

Dane Jordan

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

People: **Gracious God, who feeds the world with your goodness, invite us to your table of bread and cup.**

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live.”

People: **Loving God, remind us that your love and your table is freely given to all.**

Leader: Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.

People: **Jesus became like us, so that we might become like Christ. Thanks be to God.**

Invocation

***Opening Hymn | see pg. 6**
“God Is Here!”

ABBOT’S LEIGH
Fred Pratt Green

Welcome

David Tang

If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.



*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Sing

“M kontan m pou ou Segnè - I’m glad I’m Yours Lord”

Traditional Haitian Creole

*The Chancel Choir will sing the hymn in Creole and then switch to English.
Then the congregation is invited to join.*

M kontan m pou ou Segnè
M kontan m pou ou
M kontan pou gras ou
K toujou sou mwen

M kontan w te jwenn mwen
Ou libere m
M kontan m pou ou Segnè
M kontan m pou ou

**I'm glad I'm yours Lord
so glad I'm yours
I'm glad your mercies
have followed me**

**I'm glad you found me
and set me free
I'm glad I'm yours Lord
so glad I'm yours**

Gospel Reading | Matthew 18:21-22 (NRSV)

Janice Bradner, Deacon

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

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:

ODE TO JOY

“One In Christ, We Meet Together”

Fred Pratt Green

One in Christ, we meet together, called by Christ himself apart;
he alone, our Lord and Brother, makes us one in mind and heart.
One in him, we each would offer all we most sincerely prize,
learning, when traditions differ, what it is makes others wise.

One in Christ, may we, his Body, find in him our common creed;
as his people, be more ready to respond to others' need.
His we are, who found in fashion as a man, content to serve,
never narrowed his compassion, never asked what we deserve.

One in Christ, may we discover how profound the truth we preach:
that in God the good is never something out of human reach.
Not by chance the world's creation, not by chance was life begun.
God is love: and our vocation is to love till love has won.

Sermon

“The Future Forgiveness Gives”

Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

Church at Prayer

Marina Luckhoo

Invitation to Offering

Dane Jordan

*You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or
dropping your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

It Takes a Village

Igbo and Yoruba (Nigeria) Proverb, Joan Szymko; Joan Szymko

It takes a whole village to raise our children
It takes a whole village to raise one child
We all everyone must share the burden
We all everyone will share the joy

Adrian Fullerwinder, vocal solo; Chancel Choir; Matthew Tully, 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!

Communion

Presentation of the Bread

Jesmark Garcia and Lucy Pearsall

Invitation to the Table

Tim Moore

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

All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to one of the stations at the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or pre-packaged, gluten-free elements. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and a Deacon will assist you.

Music During Communion

Jim Brock, Frame Drum

***An Affirmation of Faith:**

Marina Luckhoo

Please see the back page of the Order of Worship to join us in reading our Church Covenant together.

***Closing Hymn | stanzas 1, 3 and 4 | see pg. 7**

BEACH SPRING

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

***Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

***Benediction**

Postlude

Gigue Fugue in C Major, BuxW 174

Dietrich Buxtehude

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome Bag.



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs, Eric Roberts, and Jesmark Garcia.



We welcome today's guest musicians from the Latter-Rain Church of North Carolina,
Jim Brock and Matthew Tully, percussion

COMMUNION CHALICES

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, the chalices adorning our Communion Table are part of a beautiful collection from around the world, generously provided by Jane Sumney. Each chalice offers a reminder of the many places, peoples, and traditions that are united at Christ's table. The three chalices used for Communion today are from the United States, symbolizing that though we come from different places and backgrounds, we are one in the shared bread and cup.



ABOUT THE LATTER-RAIN CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Latter-Rain Church (also known as Église Arrière-Saison de NC) is a Haitian Creole congregation that meets here on Myers Park Covenant's campus every Sunday, 11:00am-3:00pm. Under the leadership of Brother Jean Cophy, Latter-Rain is engaged in a capital campaign to build their own facility.



OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dane Jordan, Interim Minister of Youth | djordan@myersparkbaptist.org

Rev. Dr. Marina Luckhoo, Associate Minister | mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org

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HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK COVENANT CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Covenant Church begins by filling out a joining card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.



To learn more about upcoming events, our church portal, social media pages, and weekly newsletter, simply scan the QR code below.



God Is Here!

Words by Fred Pratt Green

ABBOT'S LEIGH



God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful
ful - ler mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.
Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here, in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not
of the Spi - rit in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spi - rit comes to each.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

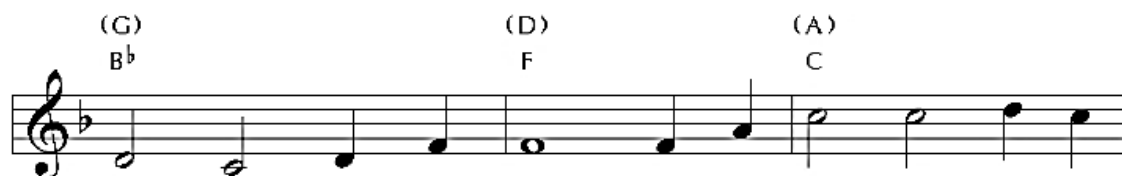
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

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Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Covenant 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.

GET INVOLVED AT MPCOVENANT

NEXT WEEK

TUES, Oct 6

10am | **Creative Friends** | Room 32

12pm | **Sage-ing Lunch with Rev. Carol Anne Lawler** | Heaton Hall

WED, Oct 7

11:30am | **Just Breathe Meditation** | Online

5:30pm | **October Hangout** | Suffolk Punch SouthPark

THU, Oct 8

7pm | **Choir Rehearsal** | Berry Hall

SAT, Oct 10

9am | **Greenway Biking Group** | If interested email frickepj@aol.com

9:30am | **Sage-ing Retreat with Jeanine Siler Jones** | Heaton Hall

COMING SOON

SUN, Oct 11

9am – 12pm | **Childcare** (Birth – 5 years) | Cornwell Center Childcare Room

9am | **Faith and Community with Ed Hinson** | Shalom Hall

10am | **Worship** | Sanctuary

11:15am | **Spiritual Growth** for all ages

Adults: Unlikely Saints – Room 250 | **Queeries** – Room 254

The Journey Begins : The Covenant – Parlor

Youth (Grades 6–12) | Youth Hall

Children (Grades K–5) Godly Play | Room 211

4:30 pm | **Youth Fellowship** | Youth Hall

SAVE THESE DATE

SAT, Oct 17

3–8pm | **Community Fall Festival** | Front Lawn of the Cornwell Center