



The Worship of God  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
February 18, 2024 | 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

“Free Your Mind”

Carolina Social Music Club

Jazzmeia Horn

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### \*Opening Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

See pages 6 and 7.

LIFT EVERY VOICE

### Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Tara Gibbs

If you are our guest today, please fill out the pew card or scan the QR code so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Gospel Reading – Luke 10:25-37 NRSV

Mary Miller

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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 Children’s Worship.  
They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Children’s Worship leaders.  
Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11 -11:15.**

### \*Sermon Hymn

“The Gift of Love”

O WALY WALY

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.**

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler

“Jesus and the Third Way”

### Musical Reflection

Carolina Social Music Club

“Redemption Song”

Bob Marley

Old pirates, yes, they rob I  
sold I to the merchant ships  
minutes after they took I  
from the bottomless pit.  
But my hand was made strong  
by the hand of the Almighty.  
We forward in this generation  
triumphantly.

*Chorus:*

Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?  
'Cause all I ever have  
redemption songs, redemption songs.

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery.  
None but ourselves can free our minds.  
Have no fear for atomic energy,  
'cause none of them can stop the time.  
How long shall they kill our prophets  
while we stand aside and look? Ooh!  
Some say it's just a part of it,  
we've got to fulfill the book. [*Chorus and Repeat*]

### Church at Prayer

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### 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.**

There are several ways to give:  
scan the QR code below or drop your offering in the plate.



Offertory

Chancel Choir  
Robert Ray

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

*Refrain:*

I will sing of God's mercy,  
Every day, every hour, he gives me power.  
I will sing and give thanks to thee for all the dangers, toils, and snares  
that he has brought me out.  
He is my God and I'll serve him,  
no matter what the test.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, he never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.  
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.  
One day, when my weary soul is at rest,  
I'm going home to be forever blessed.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, he never failed me yet. [*Refrain*]

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?  
And didn't he cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?  
When I think of what my God can do,  
he delivered, Daniel, I know he will deliver you.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, he never failed me yet. [*Refrain*]

\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

\*Closing Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord God Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler

**Postlude**

“Hymn to Freedom”

Carolina Social Music Club  
Oscar Peterson


*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 volunteers.



Carolina Social Music Club:  
Dawn Anthony, vocals  
Greg Jarrell, saxophone  
Nick Vlandis, piano  
Ron Brendle, bass  
Al Sergel, drums



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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).



# Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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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.

### OUR MINISTERS

**Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell**

Senior Minister

**Rev. Carrie Veal**

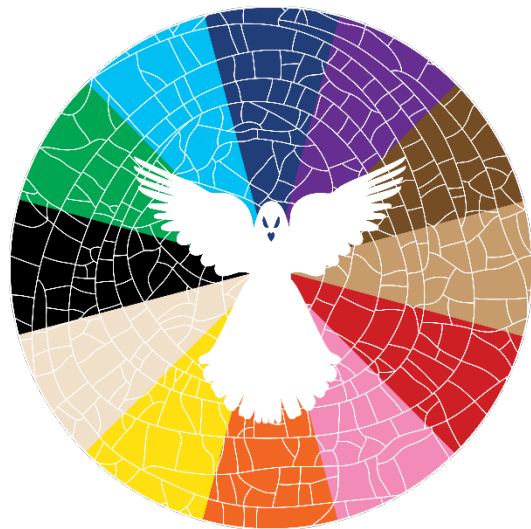
Executive Minister

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**J. Kevin Gray**

Minister of Music & Worship



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