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The Worship of God

The 3rd Sunday of Lent
Women’s History Month

March 3, 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

“God Hideth My Soul”

God hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
God hideth my life in the depths of their love
and covers me there with God’s hand.

Linda McKechnie, piano
Kirkpatrick/arr. McKechnie

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Carrie Veal

*Opening Hymn

“Who Will You Listen To?”

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Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Carrie Veal

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 – Mark 2:18-28 NRSV

Kathleen Rackley

Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

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 song begins, 1st – 5th 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.**

Musical Reflection

“I Am His Child ”

I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star,
but what I am, I thank you Lord for making me your child.

Thank you Lord for hearing every prayer.
Thank you, Lord, for just being there.
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord
for you made me worthy of your love.

So, don't use me or abuse me for I am God’s child.
Don't tease me or mistreat me, for I am still God’s child.
You can even talk about me, but, I am still God’s child.

Chancel Choir
Moses Hogan, text ed. J. Kevin Gray

Sermon

“What Was I Made For?”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Musical Reflection

“You Were Made for Love”

You were made for love; I was made for love.
You were made for love; we were made for love.
Don't listen to liars who tell you that it's not true.
We're all here, cause we were made for love.

You are beautiful as you are, divinely made in the image of God.
You were not born to fit into a box, you were created a key to the lock, so open your heart.

J. Kevin Gray
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Church at Prayer

Rev. Carrie Veal

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

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

Rev. Carrie Veal



Offertory

“God’s Eye is on the Sparrow”

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free.
God’s eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.

Linda McKechnie
Gabriel/arr. McKechnie

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**
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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Carrie Veal

***Closing Hymn**

“Go Forth for God” verses 1, 2, and 4

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude


“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” with “Allegro” by Mozart

Linda McKechnie, organ
arr. McKechnie

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.



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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.



Linda McKechnie is our guest pianist this week in honor of Women's History Month.

Although Linda's degree is in Church music with a major in organ, her first love is the piano. On her twelve CDs, she is accompanied by members of the Nashville Symphony and the London Symphony. Uniquely, she has blended Classical Themes with hymns, praise songs, and Christmas carols.

As a Steinway Artist, Linda endeavors to reach a broad spectrum of worship traditions and musical tastes by leading retreats and playing in various concert venues and churches throughout the United States.

As a Presbyterian pastor's wife, with two adult children and four grandchildren, Linda is blessed with their support which enables her to extend her gifts through Spotify, Pandora, and numerous personal appearances.

Linda enjoys the reaction to, "I was 49 when I signed my first recording contract." Never underestimate God's plan for your life....no matter how old you are!



seeking:

holy-week

honest questions
for deeper faith

- 3/24 Palm Sunday
@ 10a
seeking:
Where are you headed?
- 3/29 Good Friday
@ 7p
seeking:
Why have you forsaken me?
- 3/31 Easter Sunday
@ 10a
seeking:
Who are you looking for?

who will you listen to?

LEONI ("The God of Abraham Praise")

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Meyer Lyon (1770)



The voi - ces from the past That
So - ci - e - ty de - mands We
A rush - ing flood of hate In



ech - o through our minds Like
al - ways strive for more Ac -
news we of - ten see Con -



noi - sy ghosts haunt and har - ass With
- cum - u - lat - ing wealth and land And
- ceals God's king - dom in a great Ca -



words un - kind Who will we lis - ten to? Lies
leave the poor Who will we lis - ten to? The
- co - pho - ny Who will we lis - ten to? The



that bind and a - base? Or God who coun - ters
temp ter's jea - lou - sy? Or God's pro - vis - ion
cha - os all a - round? Or God's dream of a



words un - true With words of grace?
and pur - suit Of e - qui - ty?
world made new Where love a - bounds?

Go Forth for God

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
 ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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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

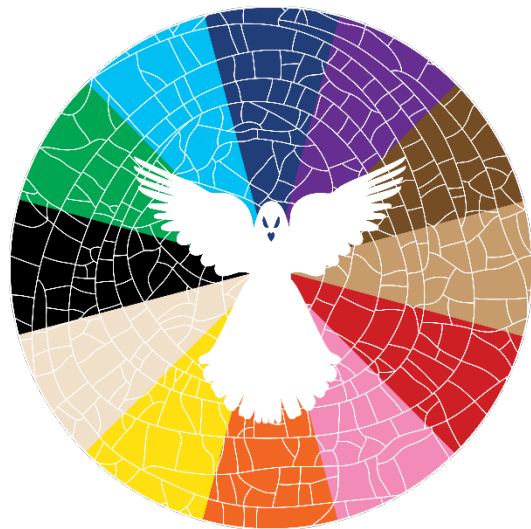
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Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship



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