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The Worship of God
The 4th Sunday of Lent
Women's History Month

March 10, 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

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Lee Northcutt, organ
Wilbur Held

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*Opening Hymn

“In Times of Great Decision”

text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
AURELIA

**In times of great decision, be with us, God, we pray!
Give each of us a vision of Jesus' loving way.
When louder words seem endless and other voices sure,
remind us of your promise: your love and truth endure.**

**O God, whose gifts are countless, you send us bearing peace.
You fill our dreams with justice for all communities.
You give us global neighbors, that all may justly live.
May those we choose as leaders reflect the life you give.**

**O God, you bridged the distance; you opened wide your door.
You call us by our presence to reach to serve the poor.
You teach us: welcome strangers! Seek justice on the earth!**

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

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Micah 6:6-8, NRSV

Mac Sasser

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 1-12, NRSV

Janet Miller

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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.

*Sermon Hymn

text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
NETTLETON

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God’s realm is surely theirs.

Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.

Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.

God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.

They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.

Those who show God’s care and mercy will receive that mercy too.

God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God’s own.

Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven’s kingdom home.

When the world’s ways seem distressing and we feel life’s painful sting,

God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Toddie Peters

“A New Beatitude”

Musical Reflection

McKenzie Coleman

“Christ Would Not Cast the Judgment Stone”

text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Christ would not cast the judgment stone at one who stood afraid, alone;
he stopped the violence in that place by speaking truth and showing grace.

May we show Christ’s compassion here to girls and women bound by fear,
to those who live in silent pain, to those who can’t go home again.

O God, may we who call you Lord now labor for a world restored,
where, in your image, all will be protected, valued, safe and free.

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. Carrie Veal

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir
Laura Manzo

“They Shall Soar Like Eagles”
They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles.
They who wait upon the lord shall not be weary.
They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power.
They who wait upon the Lord.

Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair,
there is hope for tomorrow.
God will be there each time you call.

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles.
They who wait upon the lord shall not be weary.
They shall never stumble but gain new strength and power.
They who wait upon the Lord.

***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**

“We Will All Resist”

See page 7.
I SHALL NOT BE MOVED

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Toddie Peters

Postlude

“Fugue in C Major”

Lee Northcutt, organ
G. F. Handel

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

Everyone is invited to join us after worship for a forum with Rev. Dr. Toddie Peters in Heaton Hall.

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



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In celebration of the powerful work of women in the realm of music ministry all the sung music this week is written by female composers, and we are especially highlighting the hymns of Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has been a pastor in rural, small town, suburban, and city churches; she has also served as a hospice chaplain, a hospital chaplain, and a school bus aide helping children with special needs.

Carolyn is a gifted hymn writer who has written over 400 hymns. These hymns have been sung by congregations throughout the United States and around the world — from the Washington National Cathedral to St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland to St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa to small town churches and small household congregations; they have also been sung at national church and international ecumenical meetings.



seeking:

honest questions
for deeper faith

holy-week

**Palm
Sunday**

march 24 @ 10a

**Good
Friday**

march 29 @ 7p

**Easter
Sunday**

march 31 @ 10a

We Will All Resist

Proverbs 28:4; 1 Peter 5:8-9

Refrain

We will rise up; we will all re-sist; we will rise up; we will all re-sist, for we will

rise up strong-er all to - geth - er; we will all re - sist.

Fine

Stanzas selected as appropriate (additional stanzas on opposite page)

E - qual rights for wom - en will not be de-nied; e - qual rights for wom - en
Jus-tice for all rac - es will not be de-nied; jus-tice for all rac - es
Jus-tice for all gen-ders will not be de-nied; jus-tice for all gen-ders

will not be de-nied, for we will rise up strong-er all to-gether; we will all re - sist.
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Music: African-American spiritual
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I SHALL NOT BE MOVED
Irregular

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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