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**The Worship of God**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Women’s History Month**

**March 17, 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**

“Wondrous Love”

Jane Cain, organ  
Margaret Sandresky

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

J. Kevin Gray

**\*Opening Hymn**

“God is Here!”

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ABBOT’S LEIGH

**Welcome of Our Guests**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*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 6:6b-13 NRSV**

Clara Wielunski

Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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, 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**

Carolyn Winfrey

Gillette

“Jesus, You Once Called Disciples”

BEECHER

Jesus, you once called disciples, choosing twelve to follow you:  
Simon (also known as Peter), Andrew and Bartholomew,  
Philip, Thomas, James and Matthew, Simon, Thaddaeus, John, and James —  
Then there was the one called Judas. These were your disciples' names.

Women, too, were your disciples, sitting, learning, at your feet.  
Mary knew your word was precious, even more than food to eat.  
Martha trusted in your power when her brother Laz'rus died.  
Women shared your journey, Lord, and stayed when you were crucified.

Jesus, still you call your people, "Come and follow me today!"  
Some, like Paul, feel sudden wonder; some are brought up in your way.  
Lord, no matter how we meet you, by your Spirit, make us new.  
May we know your living presence; may we daily follow you.

### Sermon

"Preparing for the Journey"

Rev. Carrie Veal

### Musical Reflection

"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

I can hear my Savior calling, (repeat 2 times)

"take my cross and follow, follow me."

Where he leads me I will follow, (repeat 2 times)

I'll go with him, with him all the way.

J. Kevin Gray  
E.W. Bandy and John S. Norris

### 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.**

### Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

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



### Offertory Anthem

"Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God"  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways,  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Chancel Choir  
Carl Mueller

**\*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. Dr. Ben Boswell

**\*Closing Hymn**  
“You Have Called Me”

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KAYE’S SONG

**Benediction**

Rev. Carrie Veal

**Postlude**  
“Toccata on “Wondrous Love”


Jane Cain, organ  
Margaret Sandresky

*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 Greg Jarrell in Heaton Hall.*

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](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).

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BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

**seeking:**



**holy-week**

**honest questions  
for deeper faith**

**Palm  
Sunday**  
march 24 @ 10a

**Good  
Friday**  
march 29 @ 7p

**Easter  
Sunday**  
march 31 worship @ 10a  
easter prelude @ 9:30a

Verse 1, 2, & 4

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# God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the  
preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in  
Ser - vant seek in wor - ship, to ex - plore what it  
ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# You Have Called Me

Words and music by David L. Edwards

## Solo:

You have called me from my hiding place and given me a name;  
from this moment on my life can never be the same.  
I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to remain,  
here I am, send me, here I am.

## Refrain: All

The musical score for the Refrain is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Who will go in-to the dark-ness where my peo-ple live in fear? Who will speak of truth and char - i - ty so all of them can hear? If you go where I am send-ing you, I al-ways will be near. Here I am, go for me, here I am."

**System 1:** Chords: G7, G7, C. Lyrics: "Who will go in-to the dark-ness where my peo-ple live in

**System 2:** Chords: Em, F, C, Dm. Lyrics: fear? Who will speak of truth and char - i - ty so all of them can

**System 3:** Chords: G7, C, Am, Dm. Lyrics: hear? If you go where I am send-ing you, I al-ways will be

**System 4:** Chords: G7, F, Fm, G7, C. Lyrics: near. Here I am, go for me, here I am."

## 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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Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

*We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | [lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).*

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