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The Worship of God

Easter Sunday

March 31, 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.

All are invited to pick up an Alleluia bell from the Narthex to ring when the word “Alleluia” is spoken or sung.

Music of Easter

“Grand Valley Fanfare”	Eric Ewazan
“Contrapunctus IX”	J. S. Bach
“My Spirit Be Joyful”	J. S. Bach
“Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”	Elam Ray Sprenkle
“Voluntary in Bb: I. Largo II. Moderato”	William Boyce
“Simple Gifts”	arr. Jari Villanueva
	Carolina Brass
“Variations on ‘O Filii et Filiae’”	Wilbur Held
	Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

*Easter Proclamation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: And become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Leader: Thanks be to God,

People: who gives us life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia!

All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 980.340.8900 so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.

***Passing of the Peace**

Musical Reflection

Mark and Maggie O'Connor

"Limerock"

Gospel Reading – Mark 16: 1-8 (NRSV)

Mary Miller

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.

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**

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim
for the love of all was bled,
Jesus Christ, the king of glory,
now is risen from the dead.**

**Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal,
on the holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
by his mighty enterprise;
we with him to life eternal
by his resurrection rise.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia! to the Savior

who has gained the victory!

Once he died and was buried:

now he lives forever more.

**Jesus Christ the world's redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Answers We Never Imagined”

Choral Anthem

“All Things New”

Chancel Choir
Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
strength after weakness, crown after cross;
sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
home after wandering, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega,
beginning and the end,
he is making all things new.
Springs of living water
shall wash away each tear,
he is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
near after distant, gleam after gloom,
love after loneliness, life after tomb.”
Alpha and Omega,
beginning and the end,
he is making all things new.
Springs of living water
shall wash away each tear,
he is making all things new.

Church at Prayer

Rev. Tara Gibbs

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. Tara Gibbs

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below, go to pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist,
or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

“Wildflowers”

Mark and Maggie O'Connor
Dolly Parton

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*Closing Hymn

“Christ is Alive!”

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*Parting Affirmation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Go then, in peace, in hope, in good courage.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Hallelujah” (from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*)

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
in holy songs of joy.
We, proclaim God's grace and glory!
Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

Please remain seated during the Hallelujah and Benediction

Easter Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

"Toccata from Symphonie V"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Charles-Marie Widor

Carolina Brass:
Tim Hudson, Trumpet,
Ed Gunther, Trumpet,
Bob Campbell, Horn,
David Wulfeck, Trombone,
Justin Worley, Tuba



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

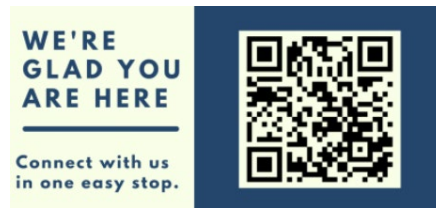


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Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple
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The banner with bells is called a Tintinnabulum. Created by Beth Resler Walters, a member of the congregation, it is made of differing pieces of cloth and bells from around the world. It represents the individuality and harmony of voices around the world ringing out praise of God: Alleluia!

Bells in the Blue Tintinnabulum

- The Jesus bell is the highest, crystal-clear, with a clapper encircled by fish.
- There are bells from Ireland, Japan and Turkey, among others.
- One holds the scripture “They who wait upon the Lord...”
- One is a large musical eighth note, representing musicians.
- One is a small cowbell, honoring how south Charlotte, even just some 35 years ago, was farm land, and before that was tilled where SouthPark Mall is now located.
- One has a Muslim medal.

MEMORIAL LILIES

*The beautiful lilies placed around the cross on the front lawn of our Church
are memorials given by members and friends of our congregation.*

Given By

In Memory Of

Paula Fricke and Carol Reid Fricke

Rhea and Larry Fricke, *parents of Paula*
Kitty Lou and Jennings Reid, *parents of Carol*

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Jerry Hudson, *Husband of Elaine*
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Ted Lucas and Cam Lucas Wester

Jane Woodruff Lucas, *wife of Ted, Mother of Cam*

Given by

In Honor of

Kathryn Long

Carrie Veal

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.

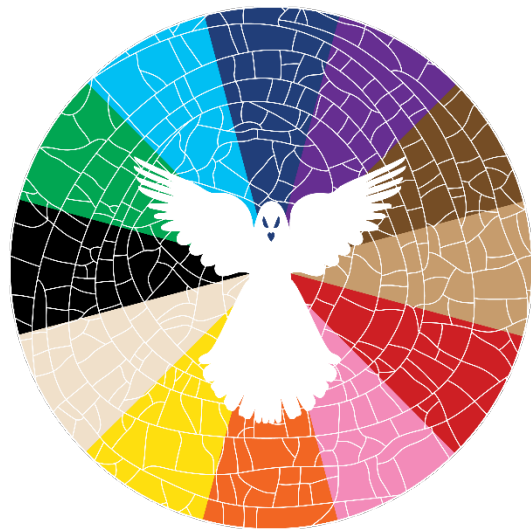
OUR MINISTERS

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Rev. Carrie Veal
Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs
Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship



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