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The Worship of God
World Communion Sunday

October 6, 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.

**Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in room 107 located in the Education Building (behind the Sanctuary). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Prelude

“A Meditation on Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist
Gerre Hancock

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

One:

We have come from the North.

pause

All:

We have come from the South.

pause

One:

We have come from the East.

pause

All:

We have come from the West.

pause

One:

We have come to celebrate and better understand the mystery of love.

pause

All:

In the midst of our differences, love has made us one.

***Introit**

Soloists will sing through once; congregation should stand and sing when cued.

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

***Opening Hymn**

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” verses 1, 3 and 4

See page 8 and 9.
HYFRYDOL

Welcome to Our Guests

J. Kevin Gray

If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.



*Passing of the Peace

Epistle Reading – I Corinthians 12:12-14, 13:1-13 (NRSV)

Victoria Yeghoyan

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, servant or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

David Young

"I Dream of a Church"

Mark Miller

I dream of a church where everyone is welcome.
I dream of a place we all can call home.
I dream of a world where justice is flowing,
with hope and peace growing, where God's will is done.

Make it so, make it so.
We pray for that day, make it so.
We dream of a world, where love reigns among us,
and your will is done, O God, make it so.

O God fill our hearts to reach out in welcome.
Make us to see your vision once more.
Let's dream of a world where our hands are your hands.
We offer ourselves, O God, make it so.

Church at Prayer

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Solo

Greg Pipkin

“The Lord’s Prayer”

A.H. Malotte

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

Anna-Catherine Fowler

You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or dropping your offering in the plate..



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

“O Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

J. Kevin Gray

O Jesus Christ, be present now in these your gifts of wine and bread.
Reveal the mystery in part, make right our hearts as we are fed.
For now, as in the upper room, we gather ‘round the table spread.
We pass the cup and eat the bread and celebrate the meal to come.
O Lamb of God, who takes our sin, forgives and makes us whole again.
We lift our voice in praise of you and sing as choirs of angels do.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
O Jesus Christ, be present now in these your gifts of wine and bread.
Reveal the mystery in part, make right our hearts as we are fed.

*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 hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Keith Young

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

A Time for Silent Confession

Musical Reflection

David Young and Madeline Beitel

“O My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercies”

Giovanni Pergolesi

O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy.
Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin.
Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me.
O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy.
Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin.
Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me.
I cry to thee, hear my prayer. Cast Me not away.
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Open thou, my lips.
My mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our shepherd,
and yet we want.
We lie down when we could act,
we stir the pot when we could offer peace,
we wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
we see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

Rev. Carrie Veal
Written by Beth Merrill Neel

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

Rev. Carrie Veal

*Hymn Of Praise

“Glory to God”
Glory to the Great Creator, God of love and God of grace.
You have called us all together as we consecrate this space.
Hearts and hands have been made one here as we walk the way of love.
Let us strive in all our doing till your Kingdom reigns on earth.

NETTLETON

Welcome to the Table

Meditation on Communion

“Communing Starts with Loving”

J. Kevin Gray

The Great Thanksgiving

One:
The Lord be with you.

All:
And also with you.

One:
Lift up your hearts.

All:
We lift them up to the Lord.

One:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All:
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One:
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You have made every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

J. Kevin Gray

Musical Reflection

“Sanctus and Benedictus”

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

David Young, Madeline Beitel, and McKenzie Coleman

Anonymous Medieval Trio

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of Host
Heaven and are filled with your glory,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that come in the name of the
Lord, hosanna in the highest.*

Continuation of the Great Thanksgiving

J. Kevin Gray

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
Christ commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and today as a family around the world we gather at the table of grace.

Words of Institution

Rev. Carrie Veal

Written by Nancy Culp

In those last few moments, in that precious space of knowing that he would die soon, Jesus yearned for something to say, something to do that would stay with his friends, his followers, the church, and the world. What could he say or do that would stick—that would help his followers remember all that he had said and done. The anger and distrust and disillusionment ran rampant in the streets around them and would come again. He knew he needed to capture that one moment that would dive deep into the soul of humanity and call them back again and again to this sacred place. He was sitting around a table with his friends who were anxious and scared. He needed something... something ordinary and powerful, real and necessary, a basic staple of human life.

He saw bread. He picked it up and broke it into pieces. He looked around the table and said to them, “This is something you do every day. You eat. Now eat this bread, take it in and let it become part of you and remember what you’ve seen and heard, what we’ve been through together. Take this bread and remember that God will always love you.”

He saw a cup, and he said, “This is something you do every day. You drink. So, drink this, let it flow into your body and quench your thirst and remember. Remember what we’ve done, the love that we’ve shared, the things we’ve learned and the work that is yet to be done. Eat and drink and remember everything. Take this cup and remember that God will never leave you.”

*Memorial Acclamation

David Young

BEACH SPRING

“Love has Died, Love is Risen, Love Will Come Again”

One:

Love has died, Love is risen, Love will come again.
Bringing hope to all the hopeless, reaching out with healing hands.
In the midst of death, there's new life, in the midst of grief and pain
God is working toward our wholeness
so, like Love we'll live again.

All:

Love has died, Love is risen, Love will come again.
Bringing hope to all the hopeless, reaching out with healing hands.
In the midst of death, there's new life, in the midst of grief and pain
God is working toward our wholeness
so, like Love we'll live again.

Invitation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

One:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

As we partake in them, may we remember that for the world we are
the body of Christ, loved and created to love.

Remind us that we are not a church unto ourselves
but are part of what you are doing throughout the world,
we ask that you strengthen every nation and every people
until love is the more common than hate,
until light obscures every darkness
and your vision for all humankind is made known in word and deed.

All:

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.**

*All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to one
of the stations at the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or
pre-packaged, gluten-free elements. If you prefer to be served at your seat,
please raise your hand and a Deacon will assist you.*

*Music During Communion

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

*Closing Hymn

"Christ is Alive" verses 3, 4 and 5

See page 10.
TRURO

Benediction

J. Kevin Gray

Postlude

"Voluntary Festiva in G"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist
Martin Ellis

***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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Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.



verses 1, 3 and 4 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped
2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, word made
3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

6
flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of
flesh, love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering
yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of
vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can

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proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: give to
ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: in your
mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: as you
fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: help us

*When appropriate, "ministers" may be substituted for "pastors."

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God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

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those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing
tend - ing may all pas - tors* learn and live a
know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the
in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

23

of your grace; send them forth as bold a -
shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age and com -
church ex - alts o - ver - see her life stead -
to pro - claim, that our min - is - tries u -

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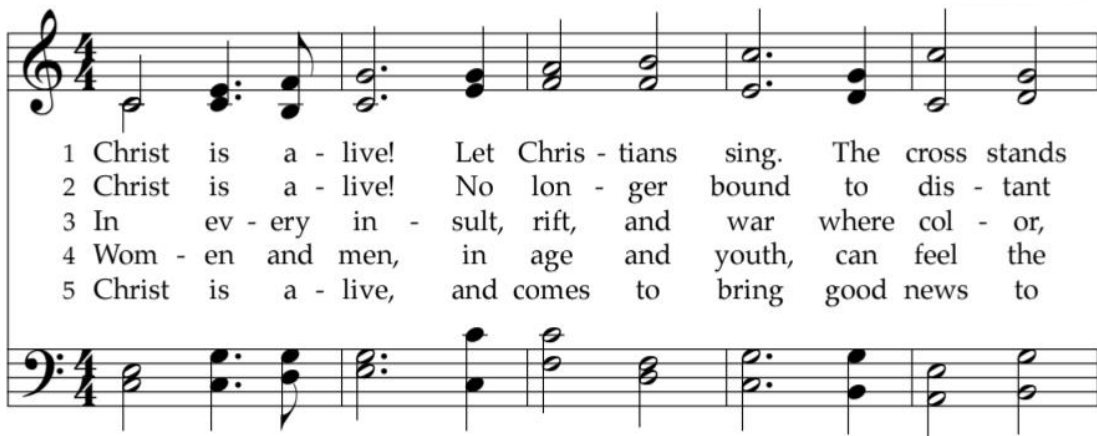
pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
fast - ly yet not o - ver - look her faults.
nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

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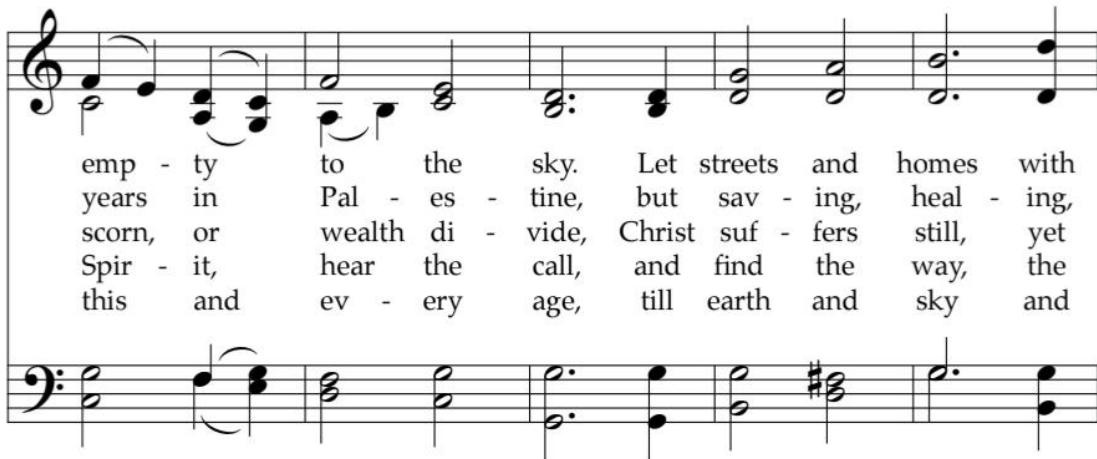
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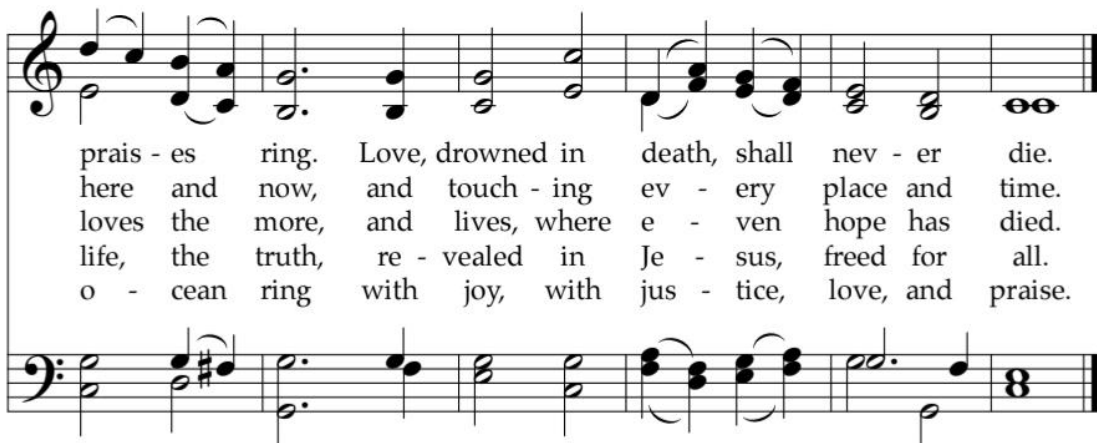
Christ Is Alive!



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

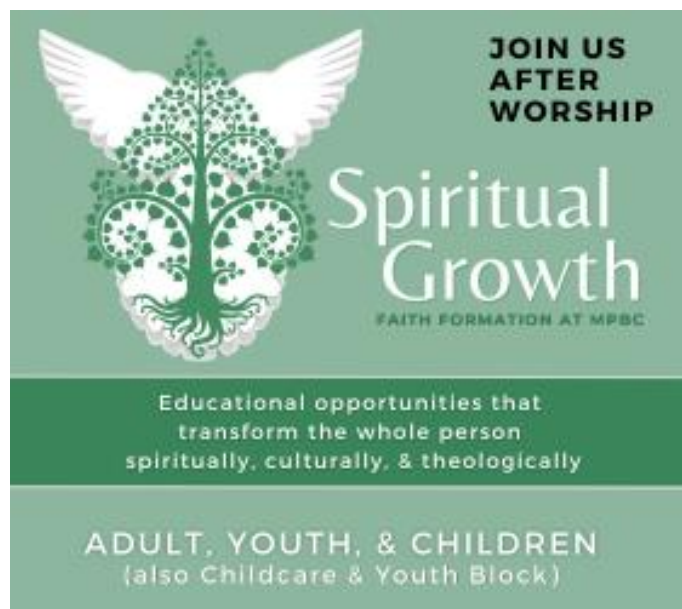


emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - every age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - every place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

The first Sunday in October has been designated as World Communion Sunday and is celebrated in churches across racial, socio-economic, and global boundaries. We celebrate World Communion Sunday as a part of our commitment to working to honor Christianity as a multi-ethnic, global community. World Communion Sunday was created as a response to the devastating violence of WWI and as a protest to the nationalist fervor growing in post-WWI Europe.



AFTER THE BENEDICTION

Led by Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell & Clergy | Zoom

BIBLE BASICS

Led by Rev. Carrie Veal | Conference Room (Church Office Wing) & on Zoom

CHARLOTTE'S HISTORY & RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Led by Sara Merlo | Library and Zoom

FAITH & COMMUNITY

Led by Bruce Elliott | Shalom Hall

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

Led by Ms. Janice Davin | Room 212

YOUTH BLOCK | 4-6pM

Led by Rev. Katie Suddeth | Youth Hall

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

Associate Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray

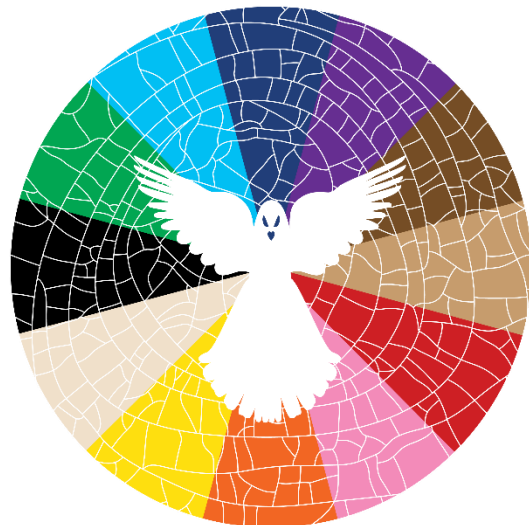
Minister of Music & Worship

Rev. Katie Suddeth

Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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