



Sandpainting by Deborah Foster, Navajo

The Worship of God  
**Indigenous People Sunday**

October 13, 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 Gathering of Spirits”

Jim Brock, percussion; Rebecca Kleinmann, flute

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Heleluyan, We Are Singing” traditional Muscogee (Creek) Hymn

See page 6.  
HELELUYAN

**Welcome of Our Guests**

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**

**Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 2:4-25**

Elaine Price-Hudson

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So, the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

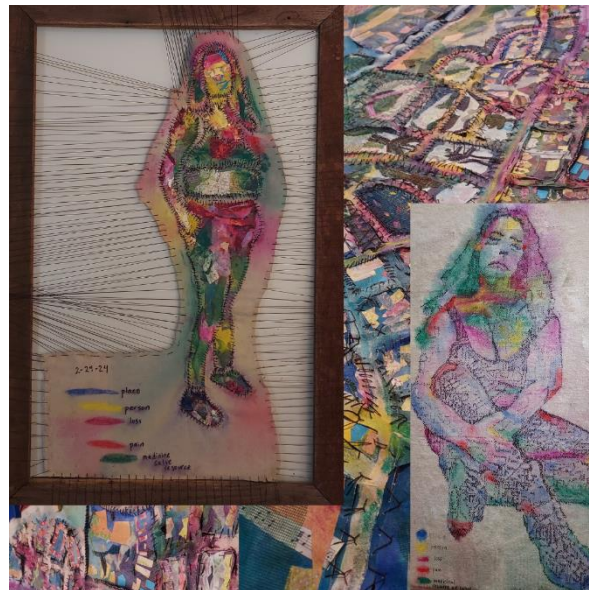
**People: Thanks be to God.**

***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.***

**Musical Reflection**

“The Calling”

Jim Brock, percussion; Rebecca Kleinmann, flute



*Bodies of Land: Interwoven Stories of Place and Self is a collection of art works that delve into the complex relationship between people, places, and the self through a variety of mixed media works. Created by interdisciplinary artist Rev. Helms Jarrell, this collection invites viewers to reflect on their connections to home and community in the context of rapid urban change*

**Sermon**

“Bodies of Land: Becoming Naturalized to Place”

Rev. Helms Jarrell

**Musical Reflection**

“The Beginning”

Jim Brock, percussion; Rebecca Kleinmann, flute

**The Lord’s Prayer (First Nations Version)**

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day-- the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

**Invitation to Offering**

Mike Bowen

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



**Offertory Anthem**

Chancel Choir  
Mark Hayes

“And the Father Will Dance”

And the father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom he loves.  
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song!  
And he will joy over you in song; and he will joy over you in song.

And the mother will dance over you in joy! She will take delight in whom she loves.  
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God herself is exulting o'er you in song!  
My soul will make its boast in God, for God has answered all my cries,  
God’s faithfulness in me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.  
Awake my soul! Awake, my soul, and sing!  
Let my spirit rejoice, let my spirit rejoice, let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.  
Join with the father in glorious, jubilant song!  
And God will joy over you in song!

And the mother will dance over you in joy! She will take delight in whom she loves.  
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God our God is exulting o'er you in song!

God rejoices over you,  
God rejoices over you,  
God rejoices over you in song!

**\*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**

Mike Bowen

### \*Closing Hymn

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
so, the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.  
Not to preach out creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way,  
we are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening spirit, we would live in God’s delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth’s peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance of God’s new and glorious dawn.

HOLY MANNA  
words by Ruth Duck

### Benediction

Rev. Helms Jarrell

### Postlude

“March in G”

Lee Northcutt, organ  
Henry Smart

*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](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).



# Heleluyan, We Are Singing

*Refrain*

He - le - lu - yan, we are sing - ing.

He - le, he - le - lu - yan. He - le - lu - yan,

now and al - ways. He - le, he - le - lu - yan. *Fine*

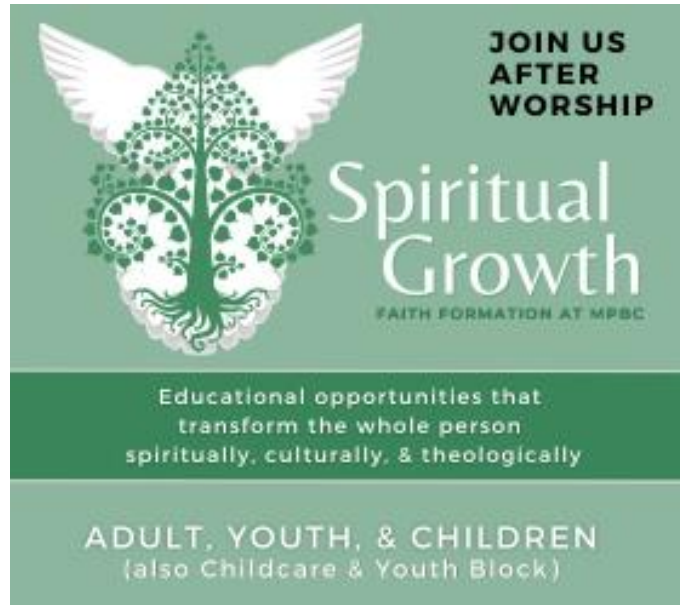
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*to Refrain*

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**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

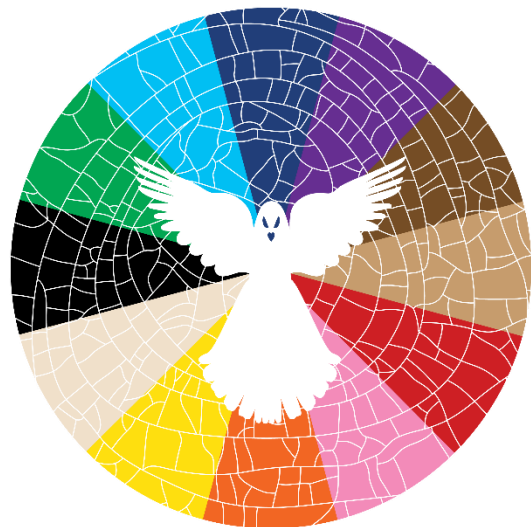
**Rev. Carrie Veal**  
Associate Minister

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**  
Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**J. Kevin Gray**  
Minister of Music & Worship

**Rev. Katie Suddeth**  
Interim Associate Minister

**Rev. Marina Luckhoo**  
Interim Associate Minister



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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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