

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

October 20, 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

“Impromptu Op. 90 N.3”

Claudio Oliveira, pianist
Franz Schubert

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

***Opening Hymn**

“How Vain Are All Things Here Below”

DOVE OF PEACE

How vain are all things here below! How false, and yet how fair!
Each pleasure hath its poison too, and every sweet a snare,
and every sweet snare.

The brightest things below the sky give but a flattering light;
we should suspect some danger nigh where we possess delight,
where we possess delight.

Our dearest joy, and nearest friends, the partners of our blood,
how they divide our wavering minds, and leave but half for God,
and leave but half for God.

My Savior, let thy beauties be my soul's eternal food;
and grace command my heart away from all created good,
from all created good.

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Katie Suddeth

*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 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 & 3:1-15 (NRSV)

Mary Miller

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down and hurries to the place where it rises.

The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow.

All things are wearisome, more than one can express the eye is not satisfied with seeing or the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new" It has already been in the ages before us. "The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

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

"Turn, Turn, Turn"

music by Pete Seger

To everything turn, turn, turn.... there is a season turn, turn, turn,
and a time to every purpose under heaven.
A time to be born, a time to die. A time to plant, a time to reap.
A time to kill, a time to heal. A time to laugh, a time to weep.

To everything turn, turn, turn... there is a season turn, turn, turn,
and a time to every purpose under heaven.
A time to build up, a time to break down. A time to dance, a time to mourn.
A time to cast away stones. A time to gather stones together.

To everything turn, turn, turn... there is a season turn, turn, turn,
and a time to every purpose under heaven.
A time of love, a time of hate. A time of war, a time of peace.
A time you may embrace. A time to refrain from embracing.

To everything turn, turn, turn... there is a season turn, turn, turn
and a time to every purpose under heaven
A time to gain, a time to lose. A time to rend, a time to sew.
A time for love, a time for hate. A time for peace, I swear it's not too late.

Sermon

“Seasonal Wisdom”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Musical Reflection

“If I Can Help Somebody”

If I can help somebody as I pass along,
if I can cheer somebody with a word or a song,
if I can show somebody they are travelling wrong,
then my living shall not be in vain!

Then my living shall not be in vain,
then my living shall not be in vain!
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
then my living shall not be in vain!

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
if I can bring back beauty to a world upwrought,
if I can spread love's message that our Jesus taught,
then my living shall not be in vain!

Then my living shall not be in vain,
then my living shall not be in vain!
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
then my living shall not be in vain!

McKenzie Coleman
A. Bazel Androzzo

Church at Prayer

Rev. Kattie Suddeth

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

Jay Rivers

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir
Mark Hayes

“To Love Our God”

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
O where does the wind come from? O where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?

The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be? How can these things be? How can they be?
Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty. All is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live; to love like God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole.
For this purpose, we were made ... to love our God.

To love our God, the reason that we live is to love like God.
To love our God, the reason we live; to love like God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole.
For this purpose, we were made ... to love our God, to love like God,
to love our God!

*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

Cathryn Rivers

*Closing Hymn

words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
TRURO

“For Everything there is a season”

For everything there is a time —
a season for each thing we do.
We're born, and one day we will die;
O God, we live our lives in you.

We seek the things we want each day;
at times we also sadly lose.
We keep — then sometimes throw away.
To tear or mend? We daily choose.

At times we talk, and then we cease;
in sin, we hate and fight our wars.
We learn your love and work for peace:
O God, in every time, we're yours.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

Claudio Olivera , pianist
S. Rachmaninoff

“Etude Tableaux Op.39 N. 9 in D Major”

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




Flowers on the altar are placed by Friends for Life church group in memory of Danye Romine Powell who died Oct 10, 2024.



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 as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.



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Spiritual Growth
FAITH FORMATION AT MPBC

Educational opportunities that transform the whole person spiritually, culturally, & theologically

ADULT, YOUTH, & CHILDREN
(also Childcare & Youth Block)

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

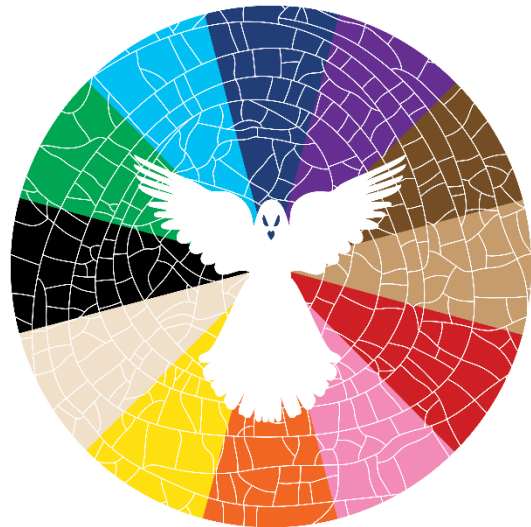
Rev. Carrie Veal
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Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship

Rev. Katie Suddeth
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