# **OPEN TO ALL**



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

October 27, 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

"Centering"

Carolina Social Music Club Frank Kimbrough

**Call to Worship and Invocation** 

Rev. Carrie Veal

\*Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

see page 6.

**Welcome of Our Guests** 

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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** 

Sara, Mandela, and Simone Merlo

### Psalm 14 (NRSV)

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

### Psalm 112 (NRSV)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or in spirit.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor. The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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 Carolina Social Music Club

"Peace" Ornette Coleman

Sermon Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

"Good Company"

Musical Reflection Hazel McKinley, pianist

"Restoration"

Church at Prayer Rev. Marina Luckhoo

### 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 Cindy Clemens

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



### Offertory

"After the Rain"

Carolina Social Music Club John Coltrane

### \*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!

\*Prayer of Dedication Marcy McClanahan

\*Closing Hymn

"God of Justice, God of Mercy" verses 1, 3 and 4

See page 7. HYFRYDOL

Benediction Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Postlude** 

"Falling Grace"

Carolina Social Music Club Steve Swallow

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

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



Janice Bradner, piano David Young, vocalist

Carolina Social Music Club: Greg Jarrell, saxophone Hazel McKinley, piano Ron Brendle, bass Geoff Clapp, drums



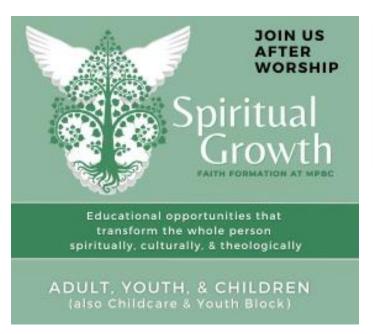
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### HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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 <a href="mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org">cveal@myersparkbaptist.org</a>.



### **BIBLE BASICS**

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

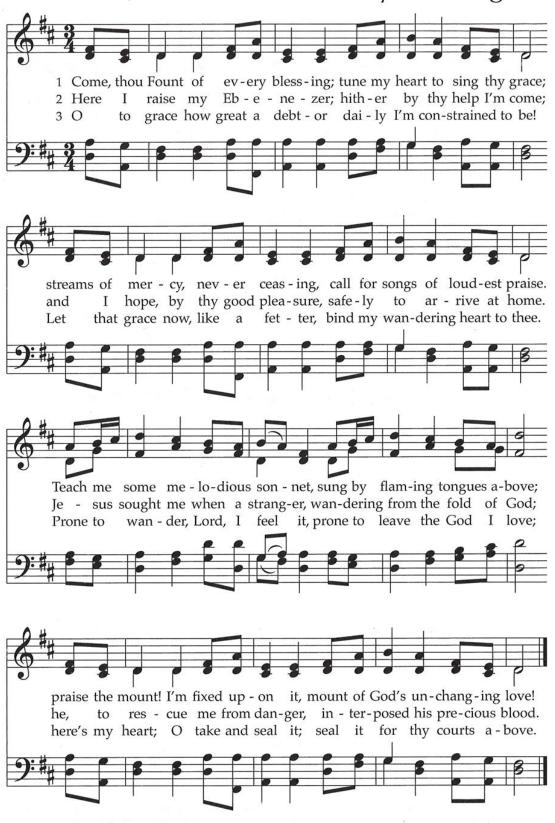
### **CHARLOTTE'S HISTORY & RESTORATIVE** JUSTICE: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? Led by Sara Merlo | Library and Zoom

#### **FAITH & COMMUNITY** Led by Bruce Elliott | Shalom Hall

### CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

Led by Ms. Janice Davin | Room 212

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## God Of Justice, God Of Mercy



### **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

**Eva Bender** 

**Chief Operating Officer** 

**Rev. Katie Suddeth** 

Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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