

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 25th Sunday of Pentecost

November 10, 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

“Chant Vespéral”

Jane Cain, organist
Rachel Lauren

Call to Worship and Invocation

“Be Still”

Be still and know that I am God.

Pause

Be still and know that I am.

Pause

Be still and know

Pause

Be Still

Pause

Be

Rev. Katie Suddeth

***Opening Hymn**

“Be Still My Soul” verses 1 and 2

See page 6.
FINLANDIA

Moment for Stewardship

Mac Sasser

Moment from the Deacons

Mike Bowen

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Carrie Veal

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 – Isaiah 41:9-10 and 43:1-2 (NRSV)

Maxwell Nelson

“You who I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying ‘You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off,’ do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

But now thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, the one who formed you, O Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“No Night There”

Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.
I am with you to the end.

There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.
God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:18-21, 33-34, 48-49, 55-56; 24:1 (NRSV)

Maxwell Nelson

Then the crowds all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” (This was a man who had been put in prison for leading an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

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

J. Kevin Gray

“No Easy Answers”

Where do I go when I've lost my hope,
when the problems are vast and I can't seem to cope?
No easy answers, no easy answers, where do I go?

Do I scream or do I cry? Do I throw myself into asking why?
No easy answers, no easy answers? Where do I go?

I go to you and open the door, and let love come in, and try to hope once more.
I hold on to you, you hold on to me, and together we find a new way to be.
When there's no easy answers, no easy answers that's where I go.

Sermon

“Where Do We Go from Here?”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Choral Anthem

“All Things New”

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.

Chancel Choir
Elaine Hagenberg

Church at Prayer

Rev. Carrie Veal

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

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

Myah Davis



Offertory

“All of Me”

Claudio Olivera, pianist
Jon Schmidt

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Allen Davis

*Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory” verses 1, 2 and 5

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”


Jane Cain, organist
Johann Pachelbel

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



- **BIBLE BASICS**
Led by Rev. Carrie Veal | Conference Room (Church Office Wing) & on Zoom
- **FAITH & COMMUNITY**
Led by Bruce Elliott | Shalom Hall
- **CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP**
Off campus

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA 11 10 11 10 11 10

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Trans. Jane Borthwick, 1855

Jean Sibelius, 1899

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take to guide the fu-ture,
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on when we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as in a-ges past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev-ery change God faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your
 all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
 sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when

best, your heav-en-ly friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 change and tears are past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Verses 1, 2 and 5 God Of Grace And God Of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness. Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 set all free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy King - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy King - dom's goal.
 That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!
 Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.

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

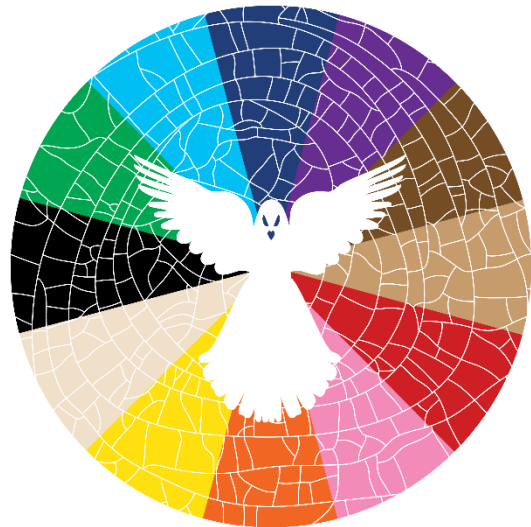
Chief Operating Officer

Rev. Katie Suddeth

Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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