



The Worship of God  
**The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**  
November 17, 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 the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (On upstairs level). Please see a greeter for more information.  
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

**Prelude**

“Be Cheerful, Thou My Spirit Faint”

Jane Cain, organist  
*Friedrich Richter*

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Carrie Veal

**\*Opening Hymn**

“We Are a People on a Journey” verses 1, 2 and 3

See page 6.  
Larry E. Schultz

**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**

**Moment for Stewardship**

Mike and Jeanette Cox

**Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (NRSV)**

Carla Hines

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter, I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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.***

**\*Sermon Hymn**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” verses 1 and 2

See page 7.  
BEACH SPRING

**Sermon**

“Faithful Generosity”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Musical Reflection**

“I Dream of a Church”

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.

David Young  
Mark Miller

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 our gifts, O God, make it so.

**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**

Richard Harris

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



### Offertory Anthem

“All Ye that Cried Unto the Lord”

All ye that cried unto the Lord in distress and deep affliction.  
God counted all your sorrows in times of needs.

Chancel Choir  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

### \*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

Tara Harris

### \*Closing Hymn

“God, We See What You Have Given”

God, we see what you have given; signs of grace are everywhere!  
All around are gifts from heaven —gifts enough for all to share.  
We are stewards of your bounty, called to give as we've received;  
And your blessings have been plenty from the day we first believed.

We are stewards of your welcome that you showed through Christ the Son.  
In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.  
To the outcast and the stranger, he showed hospitality!  
By your Spirit, may we also give the welcome we've received.

We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.  
Through our serving and our caring may we give as we've been blessed.  
God of love, may faithful living be much more than Sunday talk.  
Send us loving, serving, giving; help us daily walk your walk!

HOLY MANNA  
*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Jane Cain, organist  
*Seigfried Karg-Elert*


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



*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Martha McNeal Bahnson and her parents, Harriet and Mark McNeal.*



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)

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

#### BIBLE BASICS

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

#### 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



Verses 1 and 2

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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## 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**

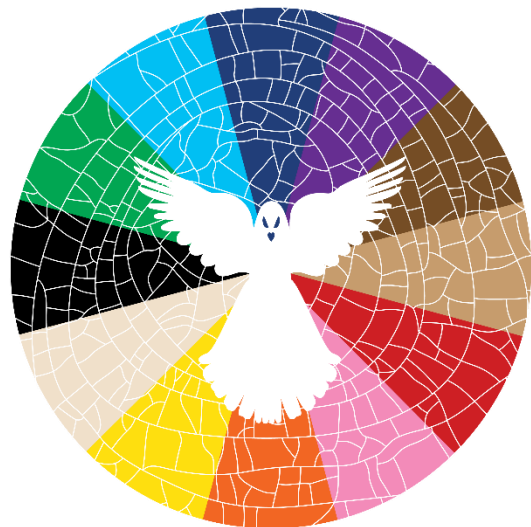
Chief Operating Officer

**Rev. Katie Suddeth**

Interim Associate Minister

**Rev. Marina Luckhoo**

Interim Associate Minister



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*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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