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The Worship of God
The Ninth Sunday of Epiphany
Women's History Month

March 2, 2025 | 10:00a



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

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

“Trumpet Tune on LOBE DEN HERREN”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Walter Webber

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

*Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

See page 6.
LOBE DEN HERREN

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

A Moment of Centering

J. Kevin Gray

Psalms 130:5, Romans 8:6

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior.

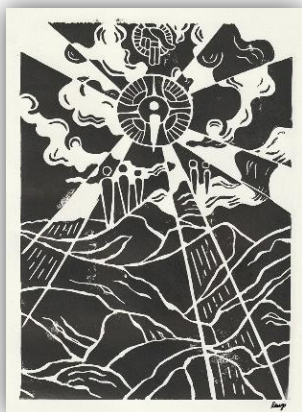
Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.

**All: Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

BEACH SPRING

Gospel Reading-- Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark, Choir Member



“Transfiguration” by Rev.
Lauren Wright Pittman

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Epistle Reading--2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NRSV)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 Shaina Bailey, Director of Children’s Ministries, and leaders. Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11-11:15. For those staying through Spiritual Growth, please pick up children in the childcare room at noon.

*Sermon Hymn

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

DEO GRACIAS

O won-drous sight, O vi - sion fair, of glo - ry that the Church shall
 With shin - ing face and bright a - ray, Christ deigns to man - i - fest to -
 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high, by this great vi - sions mys - ter
 share, Which Christ up - on the moun - tain
 day. What glo - ry shall be theirs a -
 y; for which in joy - ful strains we
 shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows.
 bove, who joy in God with per - fect love.
 raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Sermon

“The Unveiling”

Rev. Dr. Martha Kearse

**AS THE MUSICAL REFLECTION PLAYS, FEEL FREE TO CREATE AN ARTISTIC REPRESENTATION OF HOW
GOD IS TRANSFIGURING YOU AND THIS CHURCH.**

When I closed my eyes so I would not see, my Lord did trouble me.
When I let things stand that should not be, my Lord did trouble me.
When I held my head too high too proud, my Lord did trouble me.
When I raised my voice too little too loud, my Lord did trouble me.

Refrain:

Did trouble me with a word or a sign,
with the ringing of the bell in the back of my mind.
Did trouble me, did stir my soul,
for to make me human, to make me whole.

When I slept too long, slept too deep, my Lord did trouble me.
Put a worrisome vision into my sleep, my Lord did trouble me
When I held myself away and apart, my Lord did trouble me,
and the tears of my brother did move my heart, my Lord did trouble me. *[Refrain]*

And of this I'm sure, of this I know, my Lord will trouble me.
Whatever I do and wherever I go, my Lord will trouble me.
In the whisper of the wind, in the rhythm of a song, my Lord will trouble me.
To keep me on the path where I belong, my Lord will trouble me. *[Refrain]*

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

Nancy Hudson, Deacon

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



Offertory Anthem

"Give us a Vision"

Chancel Choir
Pepper Choplin

Come, O Lord, look on your people; wand'ring and lost with no shepherd but you.
Without your light your people will perish, lift us again and make our hearts new.
Give us a vision, a vision of you; mold us and make us a people of truth.
Come Spirit, feed us and lead us to do your holy mission, O give us a vision of you.

We bring thankfulness for yesterday's blessings; we have hopes and dreams of days yet to be.
So, God of Light, come lift all our blindness, make your way plain until we can see.
Lord, come and give us a vision, a vision of you; mold us and make us a people of truth.
Come Spirit, feed us and lead us to do your holy mission, O give us a vision of you.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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. Alleluia.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holly Henderson, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

"Restless Weaver" Verses 1, 2 and 4

See page 7.
BEACH SPRING

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Martha Kearse

Postlude

"Allegro"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
John Stanley

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

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



Join Us After Worship Today

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

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

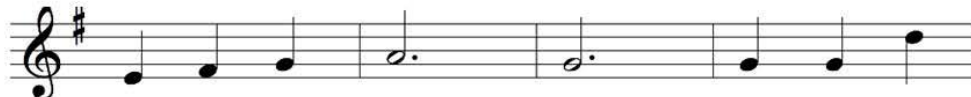
- **FORUM WITH GUEST SPEAKER**
REV. DR. H STEPHEN SHOEMAKER
Presented by the Faith & Community class | Heaton Hall
- **BIBLE BASICS 2.0**
Led by Rev. Carrie Veal | Room 254 (upstairs above the Church Office)

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who
2. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy
3. Praise to the Lord, O let all of earth's



rules all cre - a - tion. O my soul,
life and re - store thee, fit - ting thee
peo - ples and rac - es, all that hath



wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -
well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold



va - tion. All ye who hear,
fore thee. Then to thy need
grac - es. Let the A - men




now to God's tem - ple draw near.
God as a moth - er doth speed
sound from God's peo - ple a - gain.

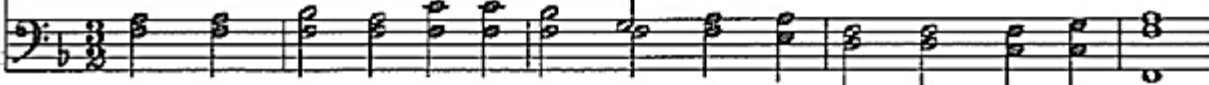



Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

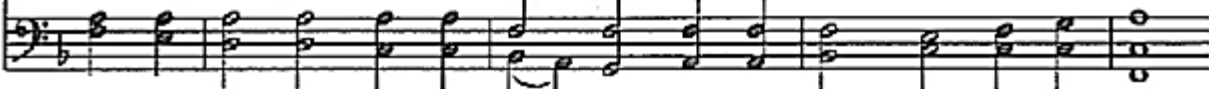

Restless Weaver





1. Rest - less Weav-er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice and sha - lom;
 2. Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each bro - ken strand.
 3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a - bused and torn,
 4. Rest - less Weav-er, still con - ceiv - ing new life - now and yet to be -


dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures find a home;
 Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land.
 from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and trust re - born.
 bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing tap - es - try:

gath - ering up life's var - ied fi - bers - ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue:
 Through the Spir - it's in - spi - ra - tion - of - fring health where once was pain -
 Where in - jus - tice rules as ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare
 you have called us to be weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do.

grant us your cre - a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.
 strength - en us to be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.
 live our dreams of trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.
 With your reign of peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.



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. Carrie Veal
Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo
Interim Associate Minister

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship

OUR AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM

Wes Cobb

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