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The Worship of God

The First Sunday of Lent Women's History Month

March 9, 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. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Prelude

“Aria on a Chaconne”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Joel Martinson

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Carrie Veal

***Opening Hymn**

“Come, Celebrate the Women”

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Welcome of Our Guests

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

Rev. Marina Luckhoo



***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

A Time for Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

O Lord, you are our shepherd,
and yet we want.
We lie down, when we could act,
we stir the pot, when we could offer peace,
we wander, tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things,
rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
we see scarcity,
even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness,
for your goodness and mercy,
so that we might dwell in you,
in your grace, forever. Amen.

Song of Prayer

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

HEAR OUR PRAYER

**The Chancel Choir will sing the first time through, followed by the congregation.*

Two systems of musical notation for a song. The first system has a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: D, A, A7, and D. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in -". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. Chords are indicated: D, D7, G, Em, D, A, D, G, and D. The lyrics are: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. A - men." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 7:36-50 (NRSV)

Katherine Richards, Choir Member

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak."

"A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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 212 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

"Have Eyes to See Each Other"

AURELIA
J. Kevin Gray

Have eyes to see each o - ther, the ones who work for God. The
We are the bo - dy scat - tered out - side these wood-en doors. Through
ones who are seek - ing ju - stice while spread-ing God's great love. Join in and ce - le
ma - ny dif-f'rent choi - ces God's voice has been re-stored. When we can see each
brate. the change good li - ving makes. To - ge - ther trust - ing,
o - ther and see the face of Christ, then light will reign o'er
work - ing for and God peace our will strength and aid.
dark - ness and peace will rule o'er strife.

Sermon

"Do You See This Woman?"

Rev. Dr. Josh Hunt

Musical Reflection

"I Have Felt the Hand of God"

David Young, Choir Member

I have felt the hand of God in your hand, holding me, you gave me strength to stand.
When I was all alone, you came and met my need, and when I lost my way,
your hand was there to lead.
Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me. I have felt the hand of God in your hand.
I have heard the voice of God in your voice, singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end, and when my faith was gone,
you called me home again.
When you spoke, God's voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice.
I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all, you shared with me God's grace,
and you were faithful to guide me as I grew. I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.
When you smiled, God's love surrounded me.
I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God, I have felt the hand of God through you.

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

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir
Carl Mueller

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Carrie Veal

*Closing Hymn

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“Go Forth for God” verses 1, 2 and 4

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Josh Hunt

Postlude

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Johann Pachelbel

“Toccata in E Minor”

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

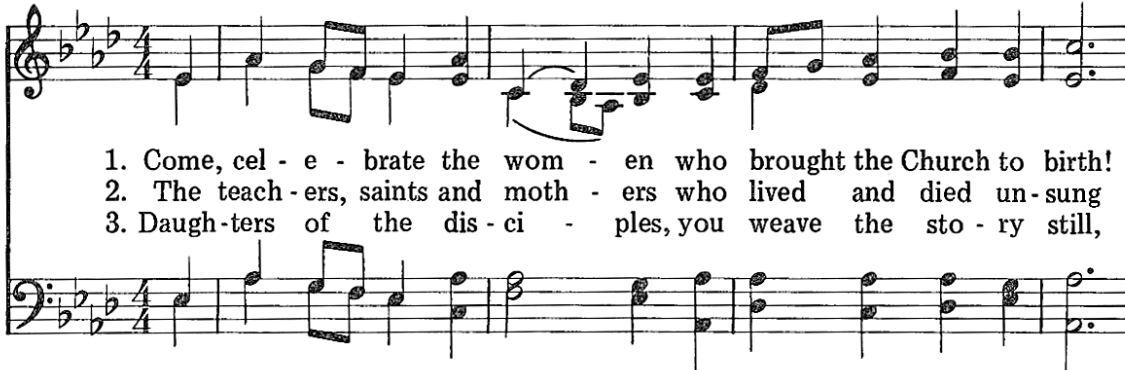
Educational opportunities that transform the whole person
spiritually, culturally, & theologically

- **BIBLE BASICS 2.0**
Led by Rev. Carrie Veal | Room 254 (upstairs above the Church Office)
- **FAITH & COMMUNITY CLASS**
Guest Speaker, Roger Newman | Heaton Hall
Topic | Boys - A Story of Love and Loyalty During the Time of Jim Crow

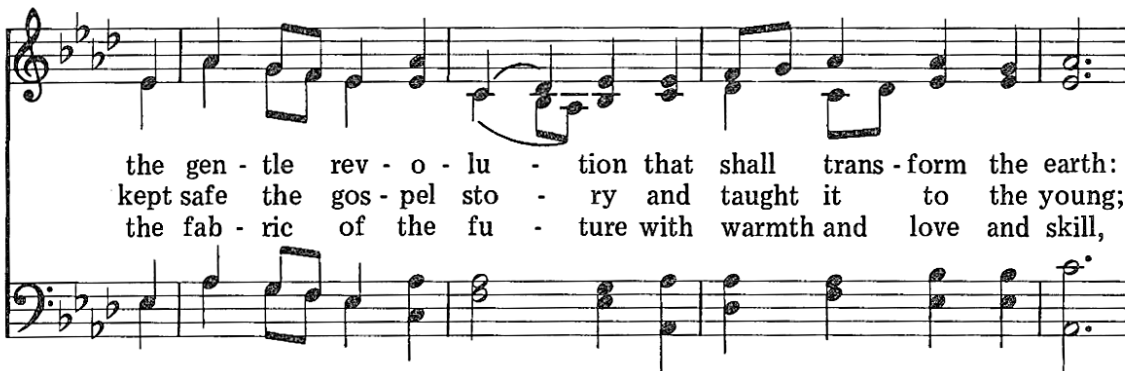
Come, Celebrate the Women

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Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle*

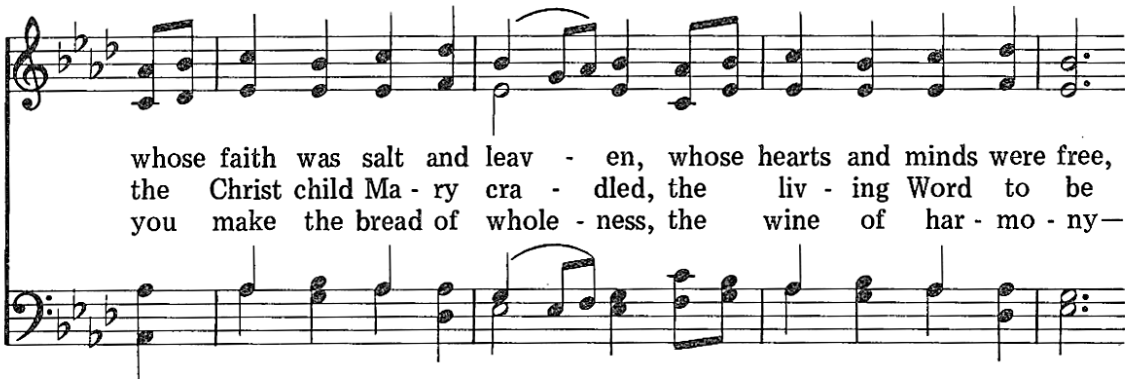
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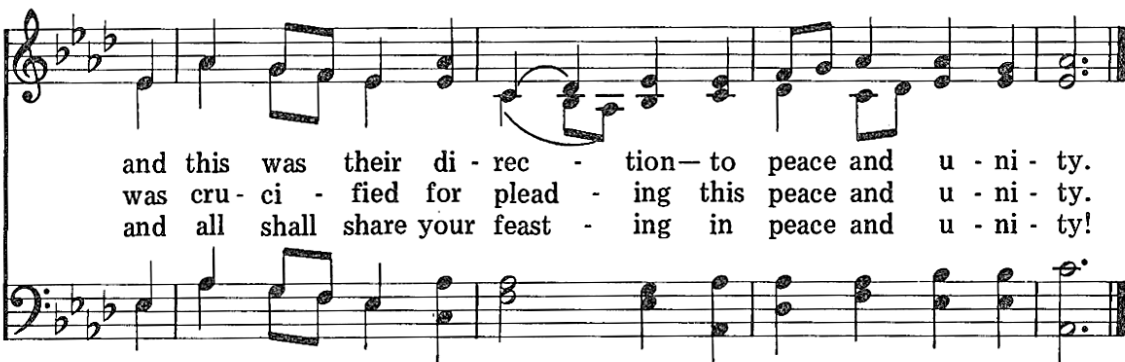
1. Come, cel - e - brate the wom - en who brought the Church to birth!
2. The teach - ers, saints and moth - ers who lived and died un - sung
3. Daugh - ters of the dis - ci - ples, you weave the sto - ry still,



the gen - tle rev - o - lu - tion that shall trans - form the earth:
kept safe the gos - pel sto - ry and taught it to the young;
the fab - ric of the fu - ture with warmth and love and skill,



whose faith was salt and leav - en, whose hearts and minds were free,
the Christ child Ma - ry cra - dled, the liv - ing Word to be
you make the bread of whole - ness, the wine of har - mo - ny—



and this was their di - rec - tion—to peace and u - ni - ty.
was cru - ci - fied for plead - ing this peace and u - ni - ty.
and all shall share your feast - ing in peace and u - ni - ty!

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Go Forth for God

F C F Bb F C Dm Bb C F Bb D Am C

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

Bb F Bb D F C F A C F Dm Bdim D C Dm

cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

Gm Bb Gm F A Gm Bb A F A C Bb D F C F F A Gsus G

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
 ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

C F C Dm A Dm Gm Bb Gm F A Csus C F

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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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. Layne Smith
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Rev. Carrie Veal
Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo
Interim Associate Minister

J. Kevin Gray
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