



The Kintsugi bowl is broken pottery, repaired using silver or brass to fill the broken seams, making it stronger. Our brokenness, offered to God, can result in healing that leaves us stronger in the broken places.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025 | 10:00am

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 main level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

We invite you to prepare for worship in silence while listening to the prelude.

Prelude

“Concerto in G Major”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren – Organ, Hollis Ulaky – Oboe,
Amy Orsinger Whitehead – Flute
Johann Joachim Quantz

Call to Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Come from every corner of the earth— from silence and song, from doubt and devotion.

People: We come to the table where grace is poured freely.

Leader: This bread we break is more than flour and water— it is memory, mystery, and mercy.

People: This cup we share is more than juice or wine— it is covenant, courage, and communion.

Leader: Across languages, cultures, and continents, symbols speak what words cannot.

People: We are one body, many members— gathered in love, scattered in grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God who meets us in symbols, feeds us with grace, and sends us into the world.

People: We worship with open hearts, ready to be transformed.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn**

“God is Here!” stanzas 1, 2, and 4

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ABBOT’S LEIGH

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**

Acknowledging Our Brokenness

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

A Time for Silent Confession

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Musical Reflection

“Beautiful Things”

J. Kevin Gray
Lisa & Michael Gungor

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way?
I wonder if my life could really change at all?
All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found,
could a garden come up from this ground at all.

You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of us.

All around hope is springing up from this old ground,
out of chaos life is being found in you.
You make me new; you are making me new.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Song of Response



Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSV)

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark, Choir Member

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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.**

*Sermon Hymn

“One Bread, One Body” stanzas 1 and 2

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Meditation

“Just a Symbol”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

A Moment to Reflect

Church at Prayer

Rev. Dane Jordan

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir, Hollis Ulaky – Oboe, Amy Whitehead – Flute

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Mark Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

American Folk Hymn,
Melody from Southern Harmony

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Psalm 23 Paraphrase by Isaac Watts (1674-1740)

At Myers Park Baptist Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented.

Be assured that MPBC holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.

*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! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Scott Crowder, Deacon

Communion

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to one of the stations at the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or pre-packaged, gluten-free elements. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and a Deacon will assist you.

*Music During Communion

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

*Closing Hymn

"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" stanzas 1 and 3

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*Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

*Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

"Voluntary on ABBOT'S LEIGH"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist
Charles Callahan

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 and Eric Roberts.



Myers Park Baptist Church is delighted to warmly welcome our special guest musicians:

Hollis Ulaky - Oboe

Amy Orsinger - Flute



The music from the past two weeks was made possible through a generous gift to our music program.



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. Marina Luckhoo at mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.



One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



* 1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
* 2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain



* free, wom-an or man, no more.
* works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

C F G Dm

* Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
 * Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

C G C F G

* shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 * world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Dm C G7 C Refrain Am C7/G

* Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 * God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

F Dm G C Dm7/F C

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Words: Fred Kaan, 1929–2009

Music: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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Netherlands/Jamaica
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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 5th

See insert

Tuesday, October 7th

10:00am-11:30am Creative Friends Group – Room 32

Wednesday, October 8th

11:30am-12:00pm Meditation-Zoom

5:30pm-7:30pm Social at Layne and Dianne's – The Residence at SouthPark - 4300 Sharon Rd.

6:15pm-7:15pm History of Room in the Inn – Library

Saturday, October 11th

12:00pm-6:00pm Union County Pride – 120 Blythe Dr. Indian Trail

Event: *One Spirit, Many Voices: Celebrating the Sacred Music of Black Composers*

Date & Time: Friday October 10 at 7:30 PM

Location: Levine Theatre at Queens College.

Free and open to the public

Myers Park Baptist Choir will be one of the presenting choirs!

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.

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