



Roberto Machado Noa

The Worship of God
The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
Creation Justice Sunday
May 3, 2026 | 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 main level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Silent Reflection

“We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards in our lives and of this **world.**” Excerpt from MPBC Covenant

Prelude

Sonata St. Mark: I. Grave

Carolina Brass

Albinoni; Arr. Hickman

Call to Worship and Invocation

Amy Johnson, Environmental Justice

*Opening Hymn No. 1 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Alexander; ROYAL OAK

Welcome of Our Guests

Layne Smith

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 - The Peace of Christ be with you and with all of Creation.

Marina Luckhoo

Scripture Readings - Ezekiel 34:18, Numbers 35:33, Job 12:7-10 (abridged)

Deb Steiner, Environmental Justice

Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?

You shall not pollute or defile the land in which you live.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

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.**

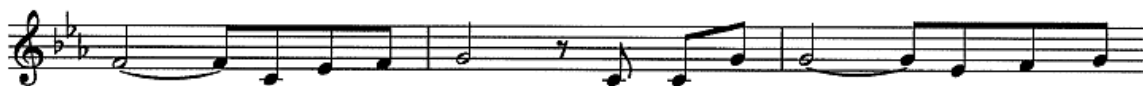
* Hymn “Creating Word”

WAYFARING STRANGER

Creating Word



1. Cre - at - ing Word, _____ your voice re - sound - ing, called forth the
 2. Sus - tain - ing Love, _____ your heart is beat - ing; it puls - es
 3. O Liv - ing Breath, _____ from the be - gin - ning, the Time - less



heav'ns, _____ the land and sea, fill - ing them all _____ with life a -
 through _____ cre - a - tion's veins. But our ne - glect _____ has caused your
 Source _____ of ev - 'ry birth. Your wind has set _____ the plan - ets



- bound - ing. How good this gift _____ and mys - ter - y. Speak once a -
 griev - ing; our self - ish greed, _____ cre - a - tion's pains. Turn us a -
 spin - ning; your song still rings _____ through - out the earth. Breathe now a -



- gain, _____ the sil - ence break - ing and through the
 - gain, _____ in your com - pas - sion; for - give our
 - gain, _____ these dry bones rais - ing. Bring forth a



cha - - os, sound it clear: our call to join _____ you in cre -
 a - - path - y and pride that we may serve _____ the world you
 world _____ re - stored, re - newed. The cries of earth _____ be turned to



- at - ing a world made whole, _____ your heav - en here.
 fash - ioned, and share the boun - - ty you pro - vide.
 prais ing and all our lives _____ be grat - i - tude.

Text: Carol Meier

Music: North American traditional

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Responsive Reading of the Lord's Prayer (adapted)

Sofia Bartholomew, Environmental Justice

Leader: Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

People: **O Transcendent Creator God, your name stands for love, justice, and truth.**

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

People: **Give us our share of sustainable, healthy food from a flourishing ecosystem.**

Leader: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

People: **We acknowledge human-caused damage to creation, like pollution and deforestation. Forgive our part in this destruction, as we offer grace to ourselves, and to others.**

Leader: And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

People: **Help us resist consumerism, greed, and lifestyles that harm your creation.**

Leader: Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

People: **We call for your love, justice and truth to be manifested in a healthy, restored earth. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Silent Reflection

Take a few moments to reflect on the words of the responsive reading in preparation for the sermon.

Sermon

“Your Grandchildren’s Lord’s Prayer”

Dori Bowman, Paula Fricke, Kathryn Long, Sofia Bartholomew, Environmental Justice

A Moment of Reflection and Commitment

Jim Brock and Rebecca Kleinmann

Note Area:

Invitation to Offering

Nancy Hudson, Chair, Board of Deacons

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



Offertory Anthem

Hymn of Creation

Watts; LYONS, Forrest

I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
God formed the creatures through the word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God art present there.

Chancel Choir; Instrumental Ensemble

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

**God made all creatures wild and free,
each atom, every galaxy;
praise our Maker!
Alleluia!**
**God places Earth in human care,
land, living beings, water, air;
come now folk from every nation,
help our God renew Creation!
Alleluia!**

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text: Paula W. M. Testerman

***Prayer of Dedication**

Nancy Hudson, Chair, Board of Deacons

***Closing Hymn No. 6 “Morning Has Broken”**

BUNESSAN

Seth Aldridge, guitar; Claudio Olivera, piano

Invitation to Action

Paula Fricke

Benediction

“Final Message to the World”

Dr. Jane Goodall

Postlude

Sonata St. Mark: IV. Vivace

Carolina Brass

Albinoni; Arr. Hickman

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.



We welcome today’s guest musicians:

CAROLINA BRASS:

Alex Wilborn and Jesdelson Vasquez, trumpets; Byron Johns, horn;
Tom Burge, trombone; Colin Benton, tuba

PERCUSSION:

Jim Brock, Rick Dior

FLUTE:

Rebecca Kleinmann

GUITAR:

Seth Aldridge

Myers Park Baptist Church is a faith community on a journey seeking a welcoming, loving, and just world.



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

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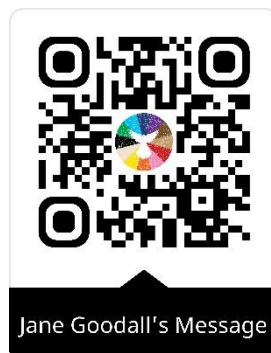
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Our Covenant

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, May 3

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15-12:30pm | Sr. Minister Search Committee Meeting – Conference Room
11:15am-12:15pm | Speaker Eboné Lockett from Harvesting Humanity – Shalom Hall
11:15am-12:15pm | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
4:00pm-6:00pm | The Youth Journey Fellowship- Youth Hall

Tuesday, May 5

10:00am-11:30am | Creative Friends – Room 32
12:00pm-1:30pm | Sage-ing Lunch – Heaton Hall

Thursday, May 7

7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir Practice – Berry Hall



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