The Worship of God
at
Myers Park Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Inscribed 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.

The Silent Meditation

“When studying the Bible through [midrash], the [rabbinical] student learned that nobody had the last word, that truth was constantly changing, and . . . was aware that both he and his opponent were in some way participating in a conversation that stretched back to Moses and would continue into the future.” – Karen Armstrong in The Bible

“No one person, no denomination, no theology, and certainly no ideology can exhaust the Bible or claim its unity. It bears with it its own redeeming contradictions, and this is the major reason it has lasted so long and has spoken effectively to so many different historical contexts and communities. . . . The canon always contains the seed of redemption of any abuse of it.” – James Sanders in Canon and Community

“The explosion of knowledge over the last five hundred years in the West has rendered most of the biblical and creedal presuppositions unbelievable. They rise out of a world that no longer exists. Yet churches continue to operate as if eternal truth could be placed into these earthen vessels, proclaiming that in both the Bible and the creeds ultimate truth has been captured forever. The result is that Christianity seems less and less believable to more and more people.” – John Shelby Spong in Unbelievable

The Ringing of the Angelus Bell

The Prelude

“Prelude in A Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Childcare is available for children ages birth through five years – please see a greeter for more information. Parents, please sign in with the provider on the rug. Worship kits for children are available in the Narthex.

*The Opening Sentences

Leader: Compelled by sacred story, we gather together to hear our names whispered through the breath of God.
People: We assemble as characters in God’s story, beloved heirs of wisdom and truth.
Leader: Enlivened by the prospect of new light, we listen for a fresh word from the Holy.
People: We await revelation for this day, a hopeful word delivered into our embrace.
Leader: Guided by the promise of divine presence, we converse with God and people everywhere and throughout all of time.
People: We approach scripture with curious minds and open hearts, the posture of a people inspired by mystery and reconciliation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.
*The Procession and Opening of the Bible
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*The Prayer of Invocation

THE PEOPLE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

The Kyrie Eleison

Jennifer Jennings

The Invitation to Silent Confession

God, we confess that we need your wisdom and your grace. Though we try to have faith, our faith is often rocky, and yet you provide the firm foundation we crave in this unstable world. We want to love you with all of our hearts, our minds, and our bodies, but we confess that so very often we fail to do that—just as we fail to love our neighbors as you have loved us. We thank you, God of wisdom and grace, that you forgive us and persistently love us even in our failures. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

*The Canticle (Glory to God in the highest.)

*The Passing of the Peace

Preschool children will leave with their teachers and may be picked up in Room 107 after Sermon TalkBack. Children in grades 1 - 5 are invited for a time of Children's Worship and may be picked up on the lectern side in the back of the Sanctuary after worship.

The Welcome of Our Guests

If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 474747 or fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during worship as your gift to us.
The Gospel Readings

**Matthew 7:21-27 (NRSV adapted)**

Beth Resler Walters

> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of God in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like one who built a house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

**Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV adapted)**

Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘God is one, and besides God there is no other;’ and ‘to love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**John 20:30-31 (NRSV)**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

*The Sermon Hymn*

“We Limit Not the Truth of God!”

**We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,**
by notions of our day and sect, crude, partial, and confined;
no, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred;
the Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from God’s word.

Who dares to bind to his dull sense the oracles of heaven,
for all the nations, tongues, and climes and all the ages given?
That universe – how much unknown! That ocean unexplored!
The Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from God’s word.
Creator, Son, and Spirit, send us increase from above;  
enlarge, expand all Christian souls to comprehend thy love;  
and make us all go on to know with nobler powers conferred—  
the Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from God’s word.

The Sermon  
“Faith in a Disenchanted World”  

Tim Moore served as a pastor for churches in North and South Carolina for three 
decades and was one of the pastors at Sardis Baptist Church in Charlotte where  
he now holds the title “writer-in-residence.”

The Time for Silent Reflection

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

The Church at Prayer  
Mia M. McClain

The Lord’s Prayer  
Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offertory  
Mobile giving is available through the Church Life app or via text – see page 7.  
Gifts of loose cash in June will benefit Women in Transition (WIT) at the YWCA  
which provides affordable transitional housing and intensive support services for  
single, unaccompanied women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Anthem  
“The Heavens are Telling” from Creation  

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
the wonder of God’s work displays the firmament.  
Today that is coming speaks it the day.  
The night that is gone to following night.  
In all the lands resounds the word,  
ever unperceived, ever understood.  

--Psalm 19:1-4

Lily Judge, soprano; Nickolus Stewart, tenor; Robert Jones, bass

*The Presentation of Gifts

As the Deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand.  
This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*The Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures, here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  

*The Prayer of Dedication  
Jennifer Jennings
THE COMMUNITY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD FOR MINISTRY

*The Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible
“The Voice of God is Calling”

The Benediction

Rev. Dr. F. Timothy Moore

The Postlude

“The Benediction”

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Following worship, all are invited to Sermon TalkBack in Heaton Hall.

Preschool children may be picked up in Room 107 after Sermon TalkBack.
Children in grades 1 - 5 may be picked up on the lectern side in the back of the Sanctuary.
Childcare is available during Sermon TalkBack in Room 107.
Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. F. Timothy Moore, Guest Preacher, are Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister, are Mia M. McClain, Associate Pastor, Jennifer Jennings, Children’s Ministry Intern, and Beth Resler Walters, member of the congregation.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music with Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship, and John Richardson, Organist.

Today’s opening sentences were written by our Pastoral Intern, Austin Maynor.

The acolytes are Devin Green, Conor Dougherty and Megan Merritt.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts. The webcast technician is Seph Rackley.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reece A. Overcash, Jr. and in honor of Christa A. Overcash by Belvie, Kay, Alice and Carter Jenkins.
THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

Why do we worship?
Worship at Myers Park Baptist is the gathering of a diverse, intergenerational, ecumenical community of faith, celebrating God’s active and timeless presence in the world. In worship, God re-forms our hearts, minds and bodies, and ignites our imaginations with sacred stories—stories that invite us to question, explore mystery, express joy and grief, and deepen our faith. We worship to learn how to develop caring, empowering relationships with each other, and to stay centered in God as the world swirls around us. We worship to be inspired and prepared to exemplify the compassion and justice of Jesus in our church family and in the world. Through worship, God frees and transforms us in heart, mind and body, so we can make a difference within ourselves, in our relationships and in our community.

How do we worship?
Focusing on God, worship at Myers Park Baptist unfolds consistently with the Isaiah 6 scriptural model: praise, confession, pardon, calling to respond, commitment and sending out. All our worship services are built on this ancient structural form, regardless of worship style, venue or theme. Communal practices within worship — radical hospitality, confession and assurance of pardon, passing the peace, silence and listening, spirited hymn singing, presentations of gifts, and active participation in Communion—transform worshipers into newness with God and one another. Themes for services, based on lectionary scriptures, annually portray the narrative arc of God’s redeeming love for humankind.

HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as easy as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

MOBILE GIVING

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It is secure, simple, and efficient:

- Start a new text message to phone number 73256.
- In the message of the text, enter 1900Q, a space, and the amount you want to give (i.e., 1900Q 100).
- The system will return a message to you; click on the link provided and follow instructions.
- You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received. It is that simple!
- Next time, since your setup is already done – just text “1900Q, a space, then amount you wish to give” to 73256.

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org
Welcome. We’re glad you’re here.

If you are our guest, we’d love to hear from you! Please share with us a little about who you are:

- text “guest” to 474747 OR
- fill out a guest card located in the pew rack. Simply return the guest card in the offering plates during worship as your gift to us.

If you would like to learn more about us, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex after worship to speak with one of our members or ministers.

WEEKLY NEWS

June 17-23, 2019

Sunday, June 16, 2019
The First Sunday After Pentecost | Rev. Dr. F. Timothy Moore Preaching
"Faith in a Disenchanted World" | Matthew 7:21-27, Mark 12:28-34, and John 20:30-31

Dr. Tim Moore served as a pastor for churches in North and South Carolina for three decades. For 19 years, Tim was one of the pastors at Sardis Baptist Church, a spiritually progressive community of faith in Charlotte, where he now holds the title Writer-in-Residence. Currently, he is speaking to churches and organizations on the topic of his new book, Practicing Midrash: Reading the Bible’s Arguments as an Invitation to Conversation, by Wipf & Stock Publishers. Tim will preach and lead Sermon TalkBack on Sunday June 16, and his book will be available for sale ($25) and signing in the Heaton Hall Foyer.

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAY
JUNE 23
2019

10:00a Worship | 11:00a Sermon TalkBack
Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching

Sunday, June 23, 2019
The Second Sunday After Pentecost | Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching
"Jarred By Love" | Luke 7:36-50

FEATURES
Awakening Shalom Podcast Series: Identity Crisis

Who are we? How are we communicating who we are? What does it mean to be Baptist? Do denominations even matter anymore? What's in a name?

We are excited to roll out Identity Crisis: a 4-part podcast series exploring the ever-evolving identity of Myers Park Baptist Church and the "Church" at large. As a people on a journey of faith at the cutting-edge of movements embracing justice, inclusivity and greater diversity, we will examine our identity as we enter into deeper conversations about church clarity and religious branding in the 21st century. This series is led by Rev. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister and Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister. Listen to episode 2 on iTunes or the Church website.

Virtual Book Group Coming in July

This summer, join us as we dive into On the Mystery: Discerning Divinity in Process by Catherine Keller, PhD, our 2019 J21 Scholar. Beginning July 10, we will meet through Zoom, an online platform, in preparation for Dr. Keller's arrival in October. Jump into the conversation when you can from wherever you are! You can purchase copies of the book on Amazon or in the Heaton Hall Foyer after worship for $20. If you have any questions, email Mia McClain at mmclain@myersparkbaptist.org.

Week 1 | July 10 | 6:00p | Chapters 1 and 2
What is Truth? | A conversation on the timeless communal and personal search for truth.

Week 2 | July 17 | 6:00p | Chapters 3 and 4
Let there be . . . | A conversation on the creative diversity of the divine and our empowering role in creation.

Week 3 | July 24 | 6:00p | Chapters 5 and 6
Love and Justice | A conversation on how we relate to one another-creature and earth, alike.

Week 4 | July 31 | 6:00p | Chapters 7 and 8
Mystery in the Flesh | A conversation on Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and stepping into the mystery.

Meditation With the Pastor

Wednesdays Throughout the Summer | 11:30a - Noon | Library

Rev. Ben Boswell will guide a weekly meditation on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This dedicated time begins with a word, poem, or insight pertaining to mindfulness, followed by peace, quiet, calm, clarity, and quite possibly a transformed life. Inhale, Exhale. Our lives rest in the balance of these simple actions. Come catch your breath with us.

Volunteer for Freedom School at Pinewood Elementary

This year, the dates are June 17 - July 25. There are a variety of ways to serve: Harambee reader, DEAR/lunch buddy reader, field trip chaperone, supply shopper, or activity leader, to name a few. Stop by the table on
the Patio before and after worship or in Heaton Hall Foyer after Sermon TalkBack and sign up to be part of Freedom School 2019, or sign-up here or on the Church website. Questions? Contact Karen Taylor at fitztaylor@aol.com or Laura Handler at laura.hoeing@gmail.com for more information.

Interested in seeing the hype of Freedom School live? Come with Mia, Karen, and Laura to visit Pinewood on Wednesday, June 26. Either meet at MPBC at 8:00a or at Pinewood at 8:30a to meet this year’s interns and scholars, join in Harambee, and get a glimpse of IRC (integrates reading curriculum). Email Laura Handler at laura.hoeing@gmail.com for questions or to RSVP.

MAD Camp Performance and Dinner | June 21
On Friday, June 21, the music and children's ministries will present Oh Jonah, by Allen Pote and Carole McCann. The children participate in a week-long MAD (Music, Art, and Drama) Camp where they will paint, build, sing, play instruments, act and have a great time. We hope you will join us for this production. There will even be a whale sighting as we explore Jonah’s story! Dinner will begin at 6:00p in Heaton Hall followed by the performance at 6:30. Please make your reservations on the Church website. The cost for dinner is $5 per person.

COMMUNITY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Hang Out with the Pastor
Monday, July 1 | 5:00p | The Common Market South End
We get together on the first Monday of each month at 5:00p at The Common Market in South End at 235 W. Tremont Avenue. All are invited to this casual time of fellowship! Bring the family, bring your appetite, or just come and hang out. There is something for everyone. We hope to see you there. The remaining summer dates are July 1 and August 5.

Sermon TalkBack is Also Online!
We continue our tradition of Sermon TalkBack following worship. We are excited to also offer online TalkBack. Rev. Ben Boswell will field questions from both those present in Heaton Hall and those who will be able to tune in online and send in their questions through the MPBC Facebook page. Our goal is to provide TalkBack to everyone who wishes to participate, even if they can't be onsite. So, join the conversations this summer!

Summer Sunday Morning Yoga
On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornwall Center’s Group Exercise Studio. This gentler, slower paced practice makes it more accessible for people of all sizes, ages, and fitness levels. It assists with stress management and restoration of the mind, body, and soul while creating an atmosphere of safety and comfort that fosters self-esteem and body awareness. Childcare is available in Room 107.
**Summer Choir - All Are Welcome!**
Summer is a great time for anyone who would like to give choir a try without making a commitment and for any who would love to sing throughout the year but are unable to do so to join us! Questions?
Contact Matt Caine (mcaine@myesparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 158).
Here is our schedule:
Summer Rehearsals: Thursdays, July 11, and August 8 | 7:00 - 8:00p | Berry Hall
Sunday Worship: Rehearsal at 9:00a | Service at 10:00a | Sanctuary
The choir will not sing on Sundays, July 7 or August 4.

**Children's Ministry Parent Social**
**Sunday, June 30 | 5:00 - 7:00p | Home of Tara and Richard Harris**
Parents are invited to a social to meet our newest staff members, Mia McClain and Matt Caine. Please bring a beverage to share. Childcare will be provided at the Church at a cost of $10/family. RSVP through myMPBC or by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myesparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115) in the Church Office.

**A Night at the Knights**
**FRIDAYS, JULY 12 & 26**

**Stay Engaged This Summer - Join Us At The Ballgame!**
This is a fun opportunity to get together and enjoy a night out supporting the Charlotte Knights. Come for one or both games July 12 and 26. Start time is 7:04p. Tickets are $19 each and include a $2 gift card for food or beverage. Please RSVP through myMPBC or by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myesparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115). Tickets can be picked up in the Church office.

**O'Connor Method String Camp Returns to MPBC**
**July 29 - August 2 (Orientation July 28)**
Mark and Maggie O'Connor are bringing their string camp back to MPBC this summer. It is a delightful week of watching music emerge from all ages. Camp and registration information is available on the Church website. There are jam sessions at the end of each day. Come and listen in. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Sunday registration or greeting/shepherding parents and students for the first few days as they become familiar with our campus, through the Church website.

**Stephen Ministry Is Here For You**
Shopping on Amazon Can Benefit MPBC!
If you are like a lot of us, you frequently shop on Amazon.com. Now, by shopping through Amazon’s charity site, a donation will be made directly to support ministries at Myers Park Baptist. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our Church. How do you start? Start at smile.amazon.com and search charitable organizations to find us.

Changes for the Brick Patio
We know that many people in our Church and community visit our campus each day. We also are aware that disabled parking may be hard to find. While the brick patio between the Sanctuary and Education buildings can be used for drop-off/pick-up only, please be aware that it is not for parking. This will be especially important to remember beginning in June, when our TTWS carpool moves to this patio.

CHILDREN

SAFE Seminar Rescheduled
(Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment)
We have rescheduled and the new dates will be Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28. Please mark your calendars and save these dates for this important church-wide event.

Children’s Summer Worship
Children begin worship with the congregation and leave after the Passing of the Peace. Jennifer Jennings, Children’s Ministry Intern, meets the children in the Sanctuary Lower Level, Room 3 to sing songs, learn about the Bible, and interact with the text in new, enlightening ways.

On June 23, we will begin an Earth Series. We will sing "La Paz de la Tierra/The Peace of the Earth." We will read the book Love the Earth by Julian Lennon and work through the scriptures. Genesis 1:28-31 and Luke 12:22-28. Questions? Contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118) or Jennifer (jjennings@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 610).

Rituals and Relationships
School, work, sports, vacations, and more - our lives are full, and we are constantly moving. Taking time to talk can become challenging. Rituals and Relationships is designed to help families make space for this important time together. The topic for the week of June 17 will be "friendship." This session of Rituals and Relationships will be emailed to
you, posted on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page, and the Children's Ministry website page. For more information, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

VBS and Community Outreach Camp | July 9 - 11
This summer, children will experience Faith in Action! Children ages 3 - completed 2nd grade will participate in VBS with music, crafts, games, and a Bible story. Each day they will learn about an outreach program in our community. Children who have completed 3rd - 5th grades will participate in Community Outreach VBS. Beginning on our campus, they will hear a Bible story and then go to the local outreach organization to learn about the services they provide. Children will participate in a project alongside those who work and volunteer there. Visit our website to find out more and register.

YOUTH

Summer Youth Gatherings
This summer, we have fun opportunities to get together. MPBC youth are going to meet on Wednesday, July 10 for a pizza party. Please watch your inbox for an email with details from Allen Davis. If you have any questions, please email him at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

CORNWELL CENTER

Photo Connections
Wednesday, June 19 | 7:00 - 9:00p | Cornwell Conference Center
The subject is "Working." Capture people and their careers, art or crafts, making things happen, etc. Send your photos to John Bambach (john.bambach@gmail.com) by Tuesday, June 18. All are welcome to this free gathering.

Booty on the Lawn - Save the Date
Friday, July 26 | 6:00 - 9:00p | Cornwell Center Front Lawn and Parking Lot
A 3-hour event to commemorate the opening of Charlotte's Annual 24-Hours of Booty 2019 (starts at 7:00p on Friday). It will showcase the Cornwell Center and invite members of the community to watch the race from our lawn. There will be activities for all ages such as: children's obstacle course, yoga on the lawn, music with DJ, wellness vendors, food trucks, face painting, spin class/bikes on the lawn, and Cornwell promotional items. Questions? Contact the Cornwell Center at 704.927.0774 or visit www.cornwellcenter.org.
Looking for Our Schedule of Activities and Meetings?
An always-current calendar is available on our website, through myMPBC, and on the ChurchLife App (find out how on the Church website).

Summer Office Hours
Front office traffic during our summer months slows down significantly. As such, on Fridays, June 7 - August 30 the Church Office will close at noon.

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please remember the following members of our congregation (as of Tuesday, June 11, 2019.)

CMC- MAIN

- Dave English
- Marion Wood
- Joe Parisi

LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO

- Laura and Todd Geer on the death of her brother, Michael Lee Brown, on June 7, 2019 in Indian Land, SC.

We rely on friends and relatives to keep us posted on hospitalizations, births and deaths. If you know of any member not listed, please contact Carol Cedar (704.334.7232 x 100 | ccedar@myersparkbaptist.org).

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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 God’s 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 to nurture this Church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in this 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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