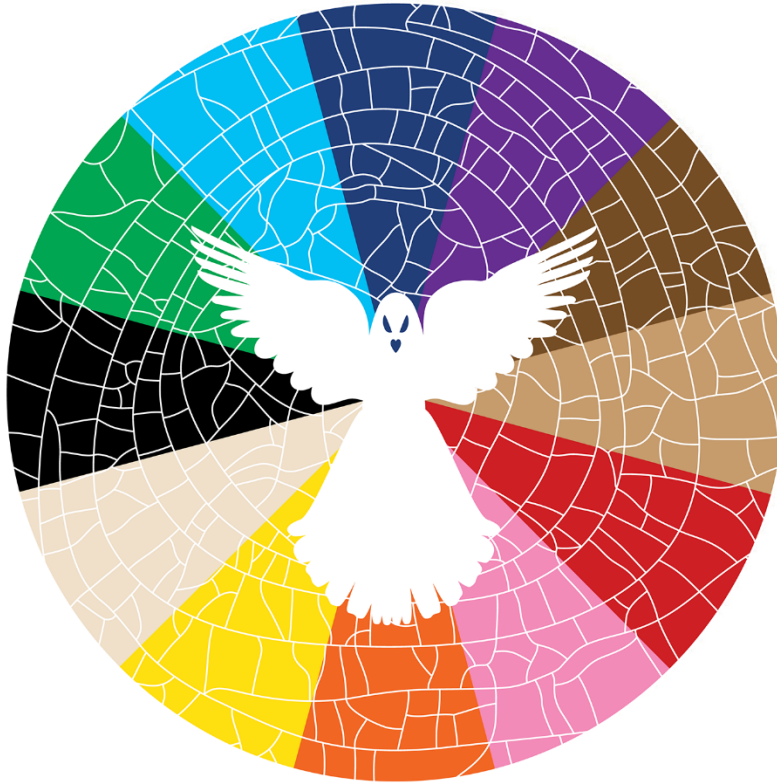


OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God
The 6th Sunday of Epiphany
February 12, 2023 | 10:00a

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.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

*Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.*

Prelude

“This Day”

Dr. Tony McNeill, pianist
Edwin Hawkins (1943 – 2018)

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

***Opening Hymn**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

See pages 6 and 7.
LIFT EVERY VOICE

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Carrie Veal

*If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 980.340.8900
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Exodus 1:8-18 (NRSV)

Paul Wielunski

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?”

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 hymn begins, 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.
They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary by the piano with Children’s Worship leaders.
Parents can pick up children from room 209 in the education building between 11 -11:15.
Guests are welcome! Please scan the QR code below to register if this is your first visit.***



*Sermon Hymn

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

See pages 8 and 9.
Charles Albert Tindley (1851 – 1933)

Sermon

“Let Them Live”

Rev. Chalice Overy

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Carrie Veal

Church at Prayer

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. Dr. Ben Boswell

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below, go to pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist,
or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory Anthem

“The Beatitudes”

Chancel Choir
Gale Jones Murphy (b. 1954)

Let your light so shine before men
That others may see your good work,
And glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
Blessed are the merciful,
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God!

Rejoice and be glad,
For great is your reward

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you,
And persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you,
For my sake.

*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

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*Closing Hymn

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith” refrain

See page 11.
Albert Goodson (b. 1933)

Benediction

Rev. Chalice Overy

Postlude

“Excerpt from GLORIOUS MEDLEY: My Tribute (To God be the Glory)”

Dr. Tony McNeill, pianist
Andraé Crouch (1942 – 2015),
arr. Omar Dickenson

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

Childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten will be provided until noon.

*Spiritual Growth Classes are meeting today at 11:15a.
Class offerings can be found here:*




Leading worship today with Rev. Chalice Overy,
are Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister,
and Paul Wielunski.



Leading worship through music are
Dr. Tony McNeill, Interim Minister of Music,
and The Chancel Choir.



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs and volunteers.

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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.

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ARE HERE**

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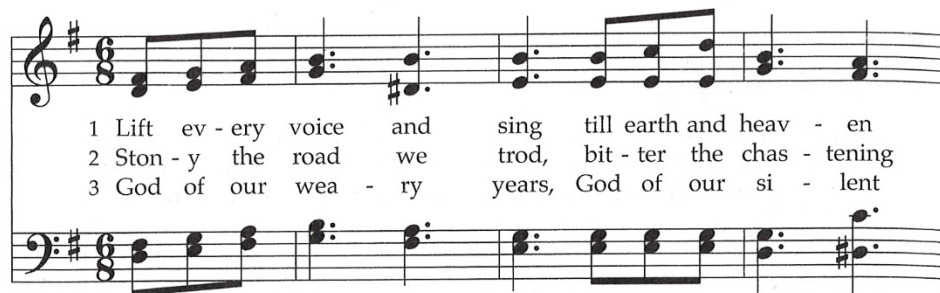





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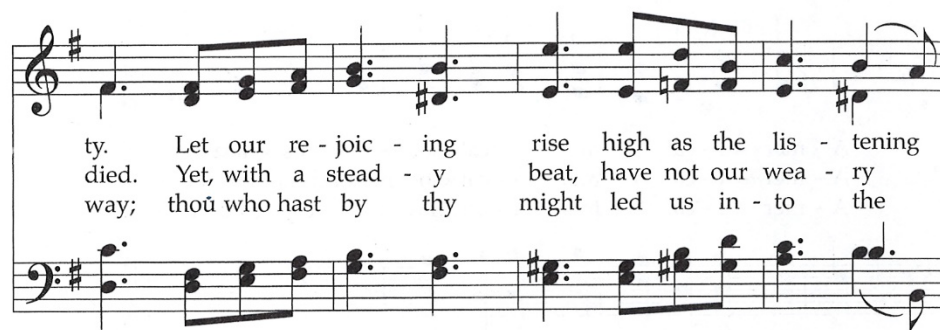
Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had the
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the



ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irregular

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

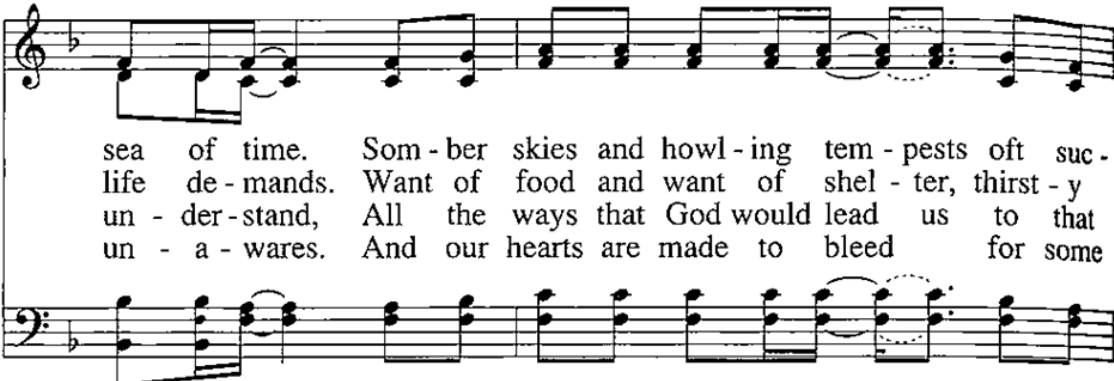
gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

418 WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully...
1 Corinthians 13:12



1. We are of - ten tossed and driv'n On the rest - less
2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute Of the things that
3. Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, And we can - not
4. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares Of - ten take us



sea of time. Som - ber skies and howl - ing tem - pests oft suc -
life de - mands. Want of food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y
un - der - stand, All the ways that God would lead us to that
un - a - wares. And our hearts are made to bleed for some



ceed a bright sun - shine. In that land of per - fect day, When the
hills and bar - ren lands. We are trust - ing in the Lord, And ac -
bless - ed Prom - ised Land. But He guides us with His eye And we'll
thought - less word or deed. And we won - der why the test When we



mists have rolled a - way, We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and
cord - ing to His Word, We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and
fol - low till we die. For we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and
try to do our best, But we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and

by. By and by when the morn - ing comes,

When the saints of God are gath - ered home, We will

tell the sto - ry how we've o - ver-come; For we'll

un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.

Text: Charles A. Tindley, 1851-1933

Tune: BY AND BY, 7 7 15 7 7 11 with refrain; Charles A. Tindley, 1851-1933; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000.

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*For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the

Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word,

He's nev-er failed me yet. Oh

can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

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

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Rev. Carrie Veal

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Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

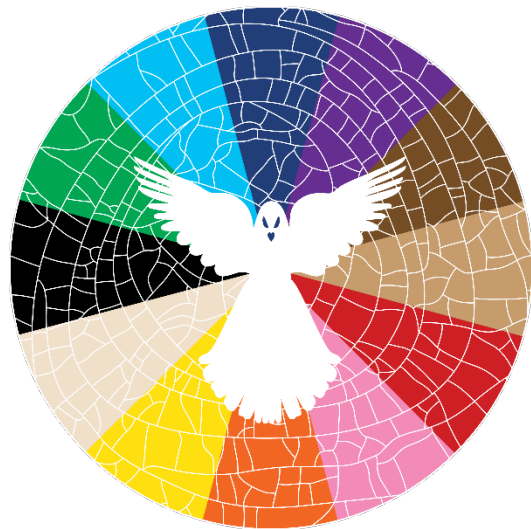
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Campus Administrator

Dr. Tony McNeill

Interim Minister of Music & Worship



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