

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 2nd Sunday of Eastertide

April 16, 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

“I Sing the Greatness of our God”

Emily Urbanek, pianist
Fred Bock

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

***Opening Hymn**

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

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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**

Songs of Praise

“Ders No Hidin’ Place”

Palmetto Voices and Walhalla Concert Choir
arr. Hall Johnson

“My God is So High”

David Simmons, soloist

arr. Moses Hogan

“In Dat Great Gittin’ Up Mornin’”

arr. Jester Hairston

Herbert Johnson, soloist

Moment for Creation Justice

Hazel Johnson and Paula Fricke

Musical Worship

“Uyaimose/Rain Forest”

Palmetto Voices and Walhalla Concert Choir
arr. James McKelvy

“Now With One Accord”

arr. Sonja Sepulveda

“Ahuna Ya Twswang Le Jesu”

arr. Sonja Sepulveda

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-29 (NRSV)

Piko Edwoozie

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put

your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

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

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!” stanzas 1, 2, 3

See page 6.
O FILII ET FILIAE

Sermon

“Holes”

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

Songs of Reflection

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord”
“Deep River”

Palmetto Voices
arr. Moses Hogan
arr. Norman Luboff

Byron Barr, soloist

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Carrie Veal

Song of Reflection

“Hear My Prayer”

Palmetto Voices
arr. Moses Hogan

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. Tara Gibbs

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

“I Sing Because I’m Happy”

Palmetto Voices and Walhalla Concert Choir
arr. Kenneth Paden, adapted by Rollo Dilworth

David Simmons, soloist

*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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
text: Paula W. M. Testerman

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Closing Song

“Total Praise”

Palmetto Voices
arr. Carol Cymbala

Benediction

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

Sending Forth

“God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire”

Palmetto Voices and Walhalla Concert Choir
arr. Moses Hogan and Edwin Hogan

***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.

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. JJ Flag
are Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister,
Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation,
and Piko Edwoozie.

Leading worship through music are
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,
Emily Urbanek, Pianist,
Palmetto Voices,
Sonja Sepúlveda, Artistic Director,
Walhalla Concert Choir,
and Nolan Black, Director



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
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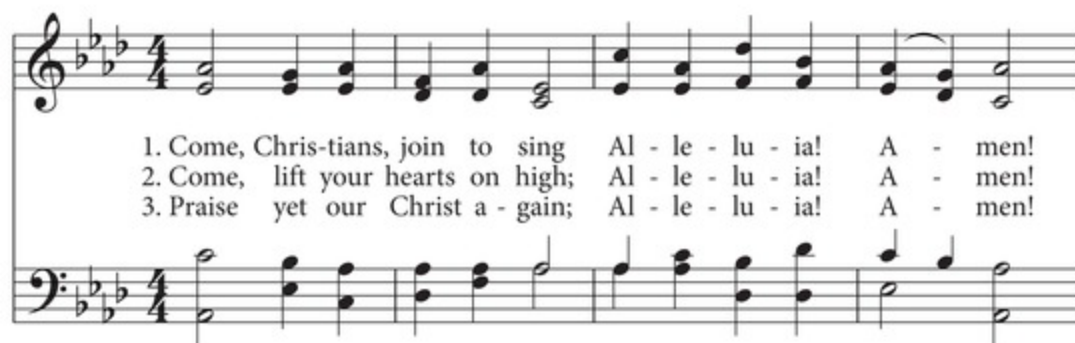
HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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.



Come, Christians, Join to Sing

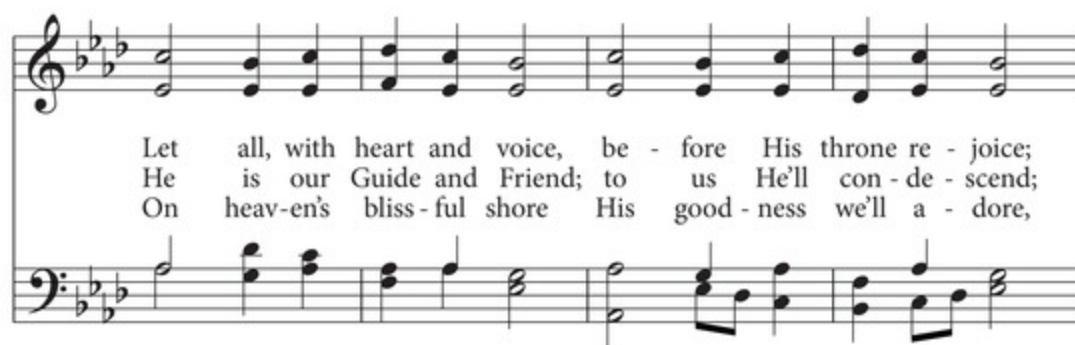
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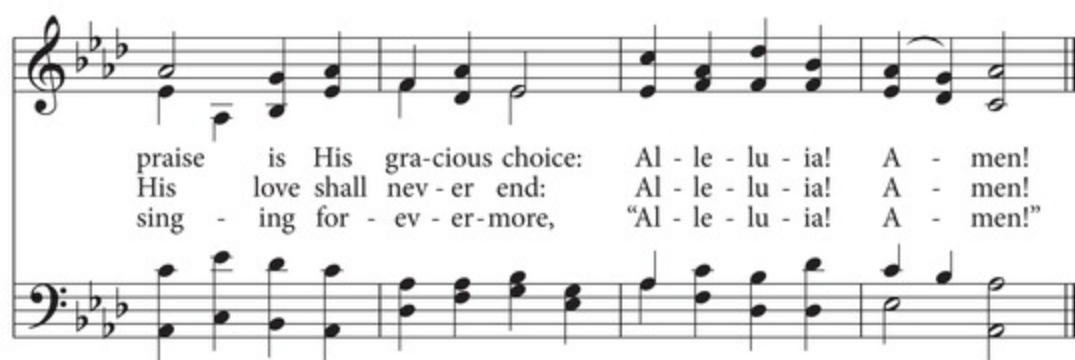
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais-es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is His gra-cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er-more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

WORDS: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

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MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. David Emlyn Evans, 1927

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

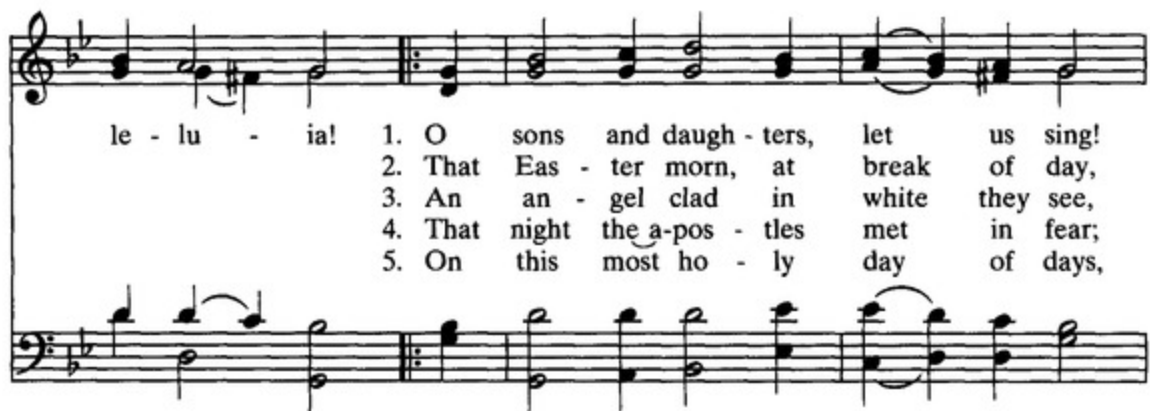
O FILII ET FILIAE 8.8.8 with alleluias

Attr. Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852

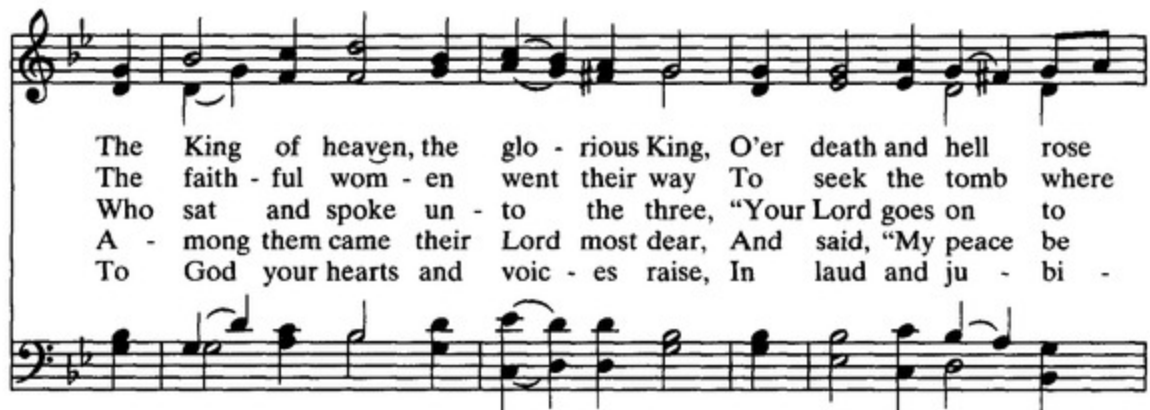
French tune, 15th century
Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et nöels, 1623



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -



le - lu - ia! 1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
2. That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3. An an - gel clad in white they see,
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
5. On this most ho - ly day of days,



The King of heaven, the glo - rious King, O'er death and hell rose
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where
Who sat and spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord goes on to
A - mong them came their Lord most dear, And said, "My peace be
To God your hearts and voic - es raise, In laud and ju - bi -



tri - umph-ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
with you here." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lee and praise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Palmetto Voices SPIRITUAL ENSEMBLE



The Palmetto Voices Spiritual Ensemble strives to preserve the legacy of the Concert Spiritual while sharing the vision that this unique American art form is available to all. The ensemble was formed in 2006 and is comprised of alumni of Dr. Sonja Sepúlveda from Sumter High School, the University of South Carolina, Salem College, Brewton-Parker College, Western Kentucky University, and auditioned singers from 6 states. The choir meets three or four times a year to rehearse and has sung for National, Southern, and State ACDA conferences, Carnegie Hall, and toured Italy, Vienna, and Greece.



About the Artistic Director

Dr. Sonja Sepúlveda

Dr. Sepúlveda is a graduate of Winthrop University where she earned both Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees. She received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Conducting from the University of SC. Dr. Sepúlveda's choirs have performed concerts at the National Cathedral, Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, and the Lincoln Center as well as performed concerts in Europe, Canada, and Mexico. She sang with the Robert Shaw Festival Chorus for eight years and is in demand as a choral adjudicator and clinician, as well as being known for her TEDx Talk "Being a Woman Conductor and Overcoming the Prejudice."

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. Benjamin Boswell

Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

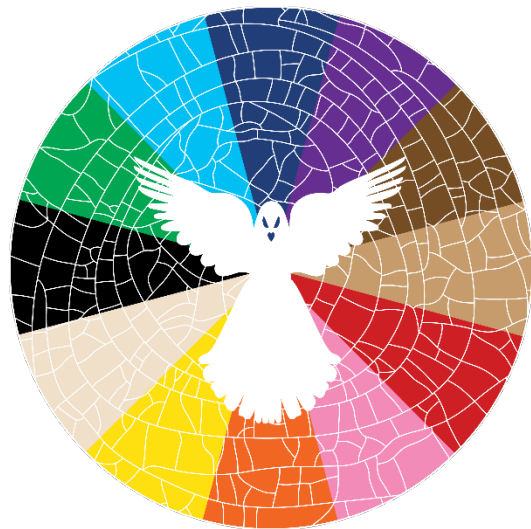
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Campus Administrator

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship



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