

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**

April 30, 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**

Partita on “O Sons and Daughters”

Jane Cain, organist  
Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

### **Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

See page 6.  
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### **Welcome of Our Guests**

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

*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**

### **Moment for Creation Justice**

Conner Young

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:1-18 (NRSV adapted)**

Beth Resler Walters

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your God in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your God who is in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you. “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your God knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way: Our God 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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly God will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your God forgive your trespasses.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your God who is in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**“Don’t Show Off Your Giving”**

Don't show off your giving — the good you are doing,  
but quietly give without public display.  
Let prayer be in secret, your spirit renewing,  
don't heap empty phrases, but pray then this way:  
"Creator in heaven, may your name be holy,  
we pray for your kingdom and our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we, too, pardon freely,  
protect us from troubles and evils we dread."

ASH GROVE  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)

Whenever you're fasting, don't show off to others in hopes  
that your neighbors will speak well of you.  
Don't brag of your faith to your sisters and brothers,  
for it is enough that God sees what you do.  
Don't hoard earthly treasure or trust your possessions;  
they rust and are stolen; you'll have them no more!  
Instead seek God's kingdom — its worth never lessens,  
and find your heart's treasure in things that endure.

### **Sermon**

**“Moving from Hypocrisy to Integrity”**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### **Solo**

**“Take My Life and Let it Be”**

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Here am I, all of me.  
Take my life, it's all for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold, I in greed would not withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as you choose.

Here am I, all of me.  
Take my life, it's all for thee.  
Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.

Sofia Bartholomew  
arr. Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

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.

Moment for Stewardship

Dave Dougherty

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Tara Gibbs

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir  
*Paul Langston (1928-2012)*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow’r;  
crown thine ancient Church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
armored with all Christlike graces, in the fight to set all free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee! Amen!

\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*Paula W. M. Testerman (b. 1954)*

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!

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tara Gibbs

\*Closing Hymn

“Lord of All Good”

*See page 7.*  
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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

## Postlude

Improvisation-Toccata on “The Strife Is O’er”

Jane Cain, organist  
Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

***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. Ben Boswell  
are Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Minister of Pastoral Care and Justice,  
Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth,  
Conner Young,  
Beth Resler Walters,  
and Dave Dougherty.

Leading worship through music are  
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,  
Jane Cain, Organist,  
Sofia Bartholomew,  
and Chancel Choir.




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



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration  
of the marriage of Laura Thomason and Joe Sojka on April 29.

The flowers the previous week were given to the glory of God and in celebration  
of the marriage of William Daniel and John Coggin on April 22.



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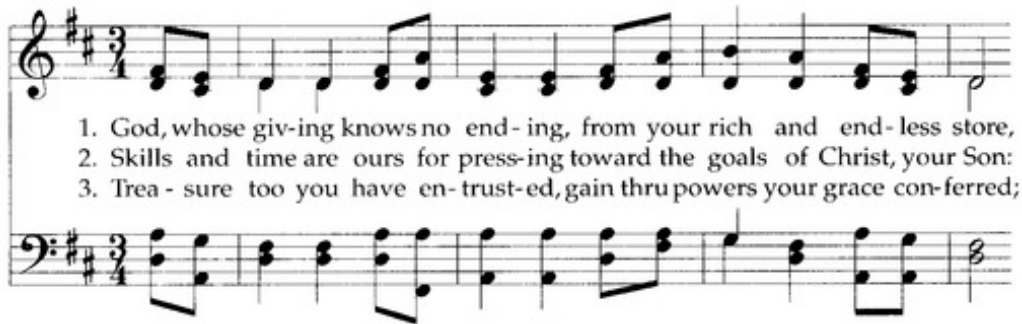


## HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

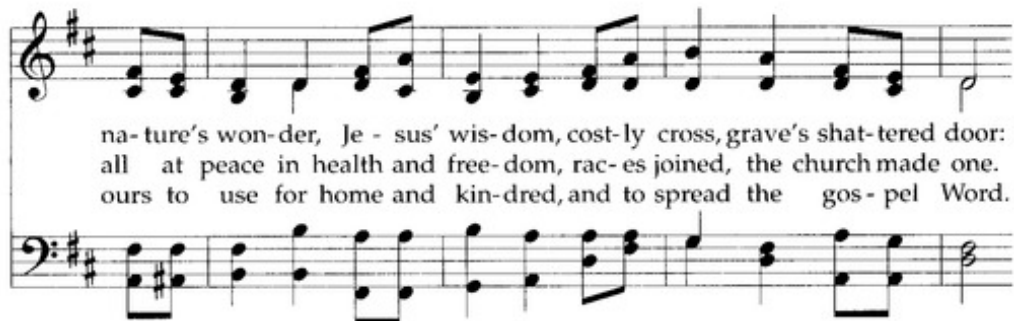
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.  
To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at [cveal@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).



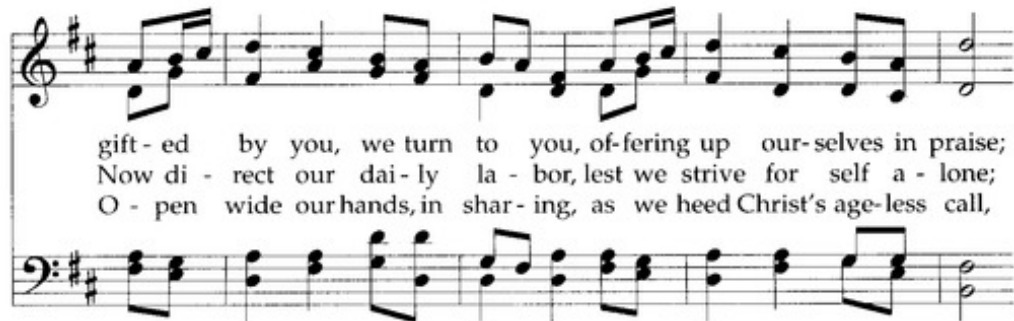
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



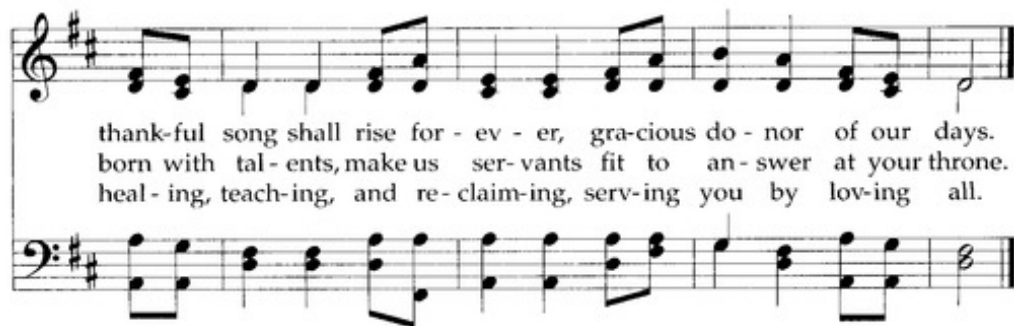
1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,  
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
 3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:  
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;  
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
 O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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# Lord of All Good

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1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;  
2. We give our minds to un-der-stand Your ways,  
3. Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;

Use them Your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill;  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de-sign,  
Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;

To-kens of love and pledg-es brought a-new,  
Heart with the flame of Your own love a-blaze,  
Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows:

That our whole life is of-fered to Your will.  
Till for Your glo-ry all our powers com-bine.  
To You with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.



## 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**

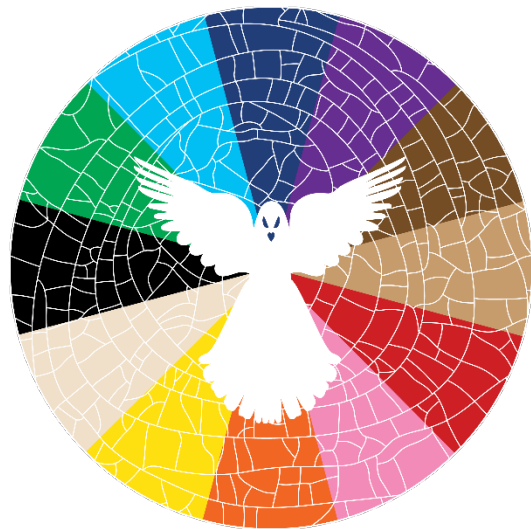
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

**Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan**

Campus Administrator

**J. Kevin Gray**

Minister of Music & Worship



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