

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**

May 14, 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**

“Adoration”

Jane Cain, Organist  
Florence Price (1887-1953)

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

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

See page 7.  
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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**

Kathryn Norton

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV adapted)**

Ella Shimkosi

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Mother feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Mother knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and her righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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**

“Standing on the Promises”

See pages 8 and 9.  
PROMISES

### **Sermon**

“Moving from Anxiety to Trust”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### **Solo**

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Why should I feel discouraged, and why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav’n and home,  
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Shanka Pettis  
Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948)  
Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)

[Refrain]:

I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

### **Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession**

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

### **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**

Dean and Mike Bowen

### **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**

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?  
You have given us a crown of glory and honor and have made us  
a little lower than the angels. You have put us in charge of all creation, the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

Chancel Choir  
Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?  
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia, the majesty and glory of Your name, Alleluia.

### Senior Recognition

Conor Dougherty  
Everett Norton  
Emmy Shore

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### \*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  
*Paula W. M. Testerman (b. 1954)*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### \*Closing Hymn

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Choir:

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkhos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkhos'. (x2)  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, ooo,  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkhos'. (x2)

All:

See Yah Hahm Buh, Koo Kah Nyeh Nee Kwen Kos.  
See Yah Hahm Buh , Koo Kah Nyeh Nee Kwen Kos (x2)  
See Yah Hahm Buh, See Yah Hahm Buh, ooo,  
See Yah Hahm Buh, Koo Kah Nyeh Nee Kwen Kos. (x2)

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God. (x2)  
We are marching, we are marching, ooo,  
We are marching in the light of God. (x2)

We are dancing in the light of God,  
We are dancing in the light of God. (x2)  
We are dancing, we are dancing, ooo,  
We are dancing in the light of God (x2)

See Yah Hahm Buh, Koo Kah Nyeh Nee Kwen Kos.  
See Yah Hahm Buh , Koo Kah Nyeh Nee Kwen Kos (x2)  
See Yah Hahm Buh, See Yah Hahm Buh, ooo,  
See Yah Hahm Buh, Koo Kah Nyeh Nee Kwen Kos. (x2)

*For sheet music, see pages 10 and 11  
SIYAHAMBA*

***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 Formation,  
Kathryn Norton,  
Ella Shimkosi,  
and Dean and Mike Bowen.

Leading worship through music are  
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,  
Jane Cain, Organist,  
Shanka Pettis, soloist,  
and the Chancel Choir.



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



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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).

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# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

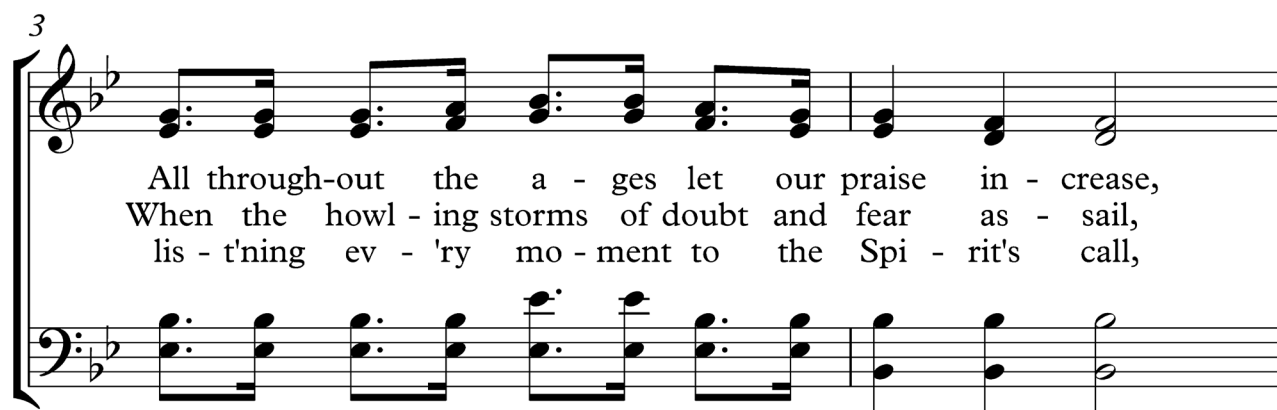
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# Standing on the Promises



Stand - ing on the pro - mi - ses of Christ our peace,  
Stand - ing on the pro - mi - ses that can - not fail,  
Stand - ing on the pro - mi - ses we can - not fall,

3



All through-out the a - ges let our praise in - crease,  
When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the Spi - rit's call,

5



Ne - ver for a mom - ent will we let them cease,  
By the li - ving word of God we shall pre - vail,  
Rest - ing in the love of God our all in all,

7

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

9

Stand - - ing, stand - - ing,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

11

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior;

Stand - - ing, stand - - ing,

13

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I'm

15

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

# We Are Marching in the Light of God

## Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the light of God.  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing in the light of God; Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984  
MUSIC: South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
English Trans. and Music Arr. © 1984 Utryck (admin. Walton Music Corp.)

SIYAHAMBA  
Irregular

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
We are dancing...  
We are praying...  
We are singing...

## 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**

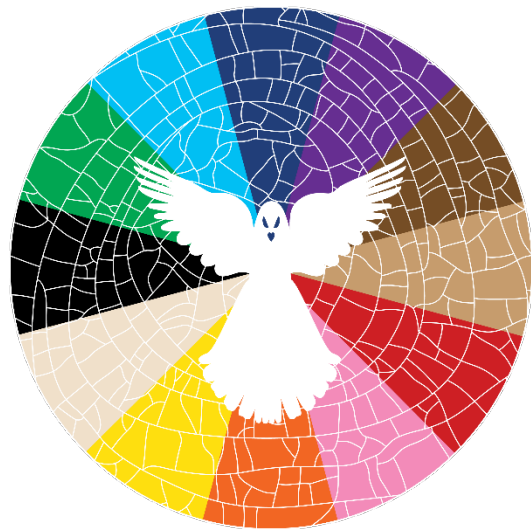
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

**Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan**

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**J. Kevin Gray**

Minister of Music & Worship



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