



The Worship of God

The 3rd Sunday of Pentecost | Juneteenth

June 18, 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

“Idyll”

Jane Cain, organist
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Call to Worship and Invocation

Dr. John Blackshire

***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**

Gospel Reading – Acts 9:18-26 (NRSV adapted)

Nicolas Rhyne

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and Saul’s sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

After some time had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night so that they might kill him; but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

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

“I Shall Not Be Moved” (stand when cued)

SPIRITUAL

Refrain:

Solo: I shall not be, I shall not be moved.
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;
just like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved.

Shanka Pettis

All: When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved,
when my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved;
just like a tree planted by the water I shall not be moved.

All: When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved,
when my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved;
just like a tree planted by the water I shall not be moved.

[Refrain]

All: I'm gonna spread God's love, I shall not be moved.
I'm gonna spread God's love, I shall not be moved;
just like a tree planted by the water I shall not be moved.

[Refrain]

Sermon

Rev. Tara Gibbs

“I Know I've Been Changed”

Solo

Shanka Pettis

“Yes, God is Real”

Sallie Martin (b. 1896), Kenneth Morris (b. 1917)

There are some things I may not know, and there are some places I cannot go,
but I am sure of this one thing, that God is real for I can feel it in my soul.

Yes, God is real, God's real in my soul. Yes, God is real for I've been washed and made whole,
and their love for me, you know it's just like pure gold, yes, God is real for I can feel it down in my
soul.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

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.**

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

*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

Chancel Choir

“Total Praise”

Richard Smallwood (b. 1948), arr. Doreen Rao (b. 1950)

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.
You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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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. Leigh Anne Duncan

*Closing Hymn

“Victory is Mine” (stand when cued)

Dorothy Norwood (b. 1935)

Solo: Victory is mine, victory is mine, victory today is mine.
I told hate get thee behind. Victory today is mine.

Shanka Pettis

All: Joy is mine, Joy is mine, Joy today is mine.
I told hate get thee behind. Joy today is mine.

All: Happiness is mine, happiness is mine, happiness today is mine.
I told hate get thee behind. Happiness today is mine.

Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Postlude

“God of Grace”

Jane Cain, organist
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

***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. Tara Gibbs
are Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister,
Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan, Campus Administrator,
Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Minister of Pastoral Care and Justice,
Dr. John Blackshire, Ministerial Intern,
and Nicolas Rhyne, Member.

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.

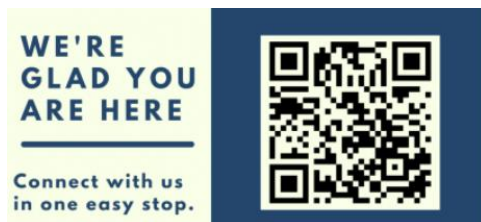


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HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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.



What is Juneteenth?

The holiday's origin story begins in Galveston, Texas, which was the western-most area of the Union in 1865. When enslaved people there were told of their emancipation on June 19, 1865, they had technically already been freed two-and-a-half years prior, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slaveholders in Texas had kept the information to themselves, extending the period of violent exploitation of enslaved African Americans. The following year, in 1866, a celebration was had in Texas, the first Juneteenth observance to recognize freedom from slavery in the U.S.

When is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is celebrated annually on June 19th. The holiday's name is a combination of the words "June" and "nineteenth." It commemorates the day news of the Emancipation Proclamation (and their subsequent freedom from chattel slavery) reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, three years after President Abraham Lincoln had issued the proclamation.

It is considered the longest-running holiday in African American and Black communities and was often observed with community celebrations on the third Saturday in June. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021 after the U.S. Congress passed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.

Source: PBS, 2023

Lift Every Voice and Sing



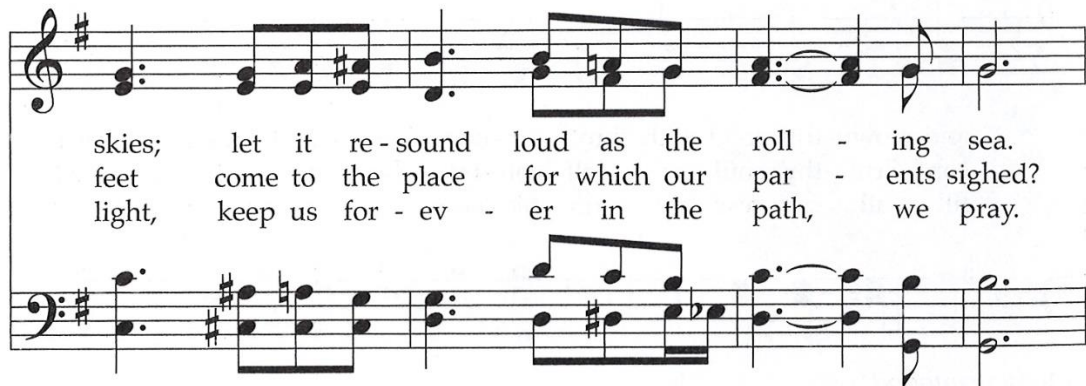
1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 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.

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

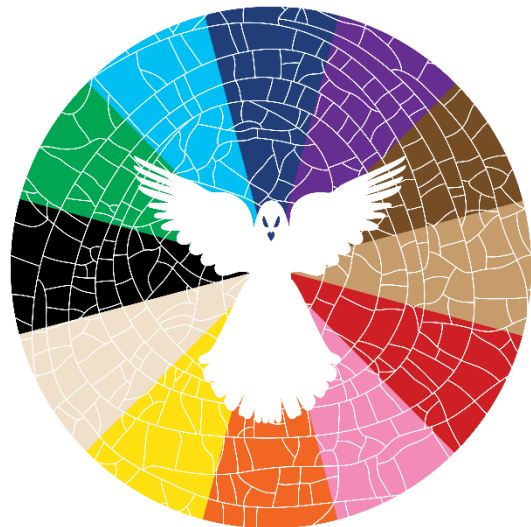
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