

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

July 2, 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.*

*There is no Childcare or Children’s Worship this week due to the July 4th Holiday. Childcare and Children’s Worship will resume on July 9. Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.*

### **Prelude**

“Suite on the First Tone: Duo; Basse et Dessus de Trompette”

Jane Cain, organist  
Louis Clerambault

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

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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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**

### **Gospel Reading – John 4:7-26 (NRSV adapted)**

Kathleen Rackley

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to 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.**

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**\*Sermon Hymn**

"God, What's the Shape of Mission"

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text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God, what's the shape of mission — the work that we embrace —  
and what will be our vision for living in this place?  
What words will help and guide us? What service will we do?  
As you walk here beside us, how shall we live for you?

Sometimes, O Lord, we've struggled with our own busy plans.  
We've tried to shape the gospel to fit our hearts and hands.  
We've trusted our own culture to be the guiding way.  
Yet you are still the potter, and we are still the clay.

We see the work you're doing; it's not ours to control.  
You're building and renewing! You make the wounded whole!  
God, may your Spirit guide us to live in Jesus Christ,  
till love shapes all our mission and gives your church new life.

**Sermon**

Dr. John Blackshire

"Do You Know Your Bloodline?"

**Solo**

Dawn Anthony  
Kirk Franklin

"Silver and Gold"

Silver and gold, silver and gold,  
oh, I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.  
No fame or fortune, nor riches untold,  
Oh, I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.

Don't give me a mansion on top of the hill,  
don't give me the world with a shallow thrill,  
but just give me a savior, my life he can hold.  
I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.  
Woke up this morning, feeling kind of down,  
I called on my best friend, they could not be found,  
but I called on Jesus, my life he can hold.  
I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.

Silver and gold, silver and gold, I'd rather have Jesus.  
No fame or fortune, nor riches untold.  
I'd rather have Jesus.

For unto us a child is born, a son is given.  
I'd rather have Jesus.  
You see what profits a man to gain the whole wide world and lose his soul.  
I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold.

In the midnight hour when my body is rocking with pain  
I'd rather have Jesus.  
The Son of Man, the King of kings  
I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.

### A Moment of Silent Reflection

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### 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](https://pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist),  
or drop your offering in the plate.*



#### Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

**"In This Very Room"**

Roger and Carol Harris

In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me,  
and in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me,  
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us,  
and in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us,  
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world,  
and in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world,  
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

#### \*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. Tara Gibbs

### \*Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now I am found was blind but now I see.

Early American melody  
Additional text: J. K Gray

God's grace is given as a gift, but not one you can keep.  
You're blessed to bless and spread the wealth of life and hope and peace!

Each day we wake we make a choice to go the way of Christ.  
To do the work we're called to do as we live into our light.

### Benediction

Dr. John Blackshire

### Postlude

“Caprice sur les Grands Jeux”

Jane Cain, organist  
Louis Clerambault

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

Leading worship today with Dr. John Blackshire, Ministerial Intern  
are Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister  
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister,  
Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation,  
and Kathleen Rackley.

Leading worship through music are  
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,  
Jane Cain, organist,  
Dawn Anthony, soloist,  
and the 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 loving memory and honor of  
Allan Douglas Aldrich by his family.



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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).





# God Of Grace And God Of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness. Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that  
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to  
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to  
 Thy con - trol: Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to  
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 set all free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy King - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy King - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!  
 Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.

## 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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