

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 6th Sunday of Pentecost

July 9, 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Linda McKechnie, piano
arr. Linda McKechnie

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Carrie Veal

***Opening Hymn**

“O God of Vision” stanzas 1, 3, and 4

See page 7.
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Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

*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 – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NRSV (adapted)

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, God, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by God; and no one knows the Son except God, and no one knows God except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

GIFT OF LOVE

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“‘We Played the Flute!’ the Children Said”
“We played the flute!” the children said —
“You would not dance or join our game!
We wailed like those who grieve the dead,
and yet you would not do the same.”

Forgive us, Lord, what we expect!
We want a faith that we control —
yet faith is not what we direct,
for it's your grace that makes us whole.

And when we let our burdens go
and take your yoke, and learn from you,
we'll find your rest, and then we'll know
your way, not ours, will see us through.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard

“When ‘Orthodoxy’ Isn’t Enough”

Solo

David Young

AMERICAN FOLK SONG

Text by J. Kevin Gray

“I Am a Pilgrim on a Journey”
I am a pilgrim on a journey that leads me to God's living face.
I can't describe or fully capture God's self is out of time and space.
I've heard the stories from the Bible, an inkling of what's really there,
but God is bigger than our stories, God's love is what we're left to share.

If we could glimpse God's truest nature, it would be when love's work is done.
When we see those who've been discarded, their liberty restored and won.
We may not need to know what's Spirit if we can see that Spirit lived.
Join me my friends upon this journey, our paths can join to love and give.

A Moment for 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.

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Carrie Veal

*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 Will Arise"

Chancel Choir

Susan Byler

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity love and pow'r.

Come you thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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. Carrie Veal

*Closing Hymn

"God of All Expand Our Minds"

EASTER HYMN

God of all expand our minds, Alleluia!
Teach us joy for what we find, Alleluia!
Help us follow where you lead, Alleluia!
Instead of all we're taught to heed, Alleluia!

Text by J. Kevin Gray

You are making all things new, Alleluia!
Feel it starting in the pew, Alleluia!
Christ calls us to a new way, Alleluia!
"Love them all," you heard him say, Alleluia!

Go now to your separate lives, Alleluia!
Feeling still your kindred ties, Alleluia!
Sharing grace and God's good love, Alleluia!
Earth shall be as that above, Alleluia!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard

Postlude

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Linda McKechnie, organ
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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. Bill Leonard
are Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister,
Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan, Campus Administrator,
Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Minister of Pastoral Care and Justice,
and Rev. Deborah Moore Clark.

Leading worship through music are
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,
Linda McKechnie, organist,
David Young, 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
Farnum and Mattie Mae Gray by their family.



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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.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

Connect with us
in one easy step.

Learn more about us
and how to get
involved.

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O God of Vision

1. O God of vi - sion far great - er than all hu - man schem -
 2. Pour out your Spir - it on all now as - sem - bled be - fore
 3. Grant to us in - sight, O God, for this time of de - ci -
 4. Break the sun's rays in - to col - or, a rain - bow a - round
 5. Grate - ful, we come now by Christ's in - vi - ta - tion clear - spo -

1. ing, gath - er us now in your pres - ence, re - fresh - ing, re -
 2. you. May our di - ver - si - ty here be a means to a -
 3. sion. May we dream chal - leng - ing dreams of both depth and pre -
 4. us. Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e - nough to con -
 5. ken. We seek the nour - ish - ment found in fruit crushed and bread

1. deem - ing. Show us a - new life in your breath - tak - ing
 2. dore you. Wom - en and men, young, old, and youth - ful a -
 3. ci - sion. Speak through the dark. Dis - pel by light - ning's bright
 4. found us. Arched in the sky, beau - ty and pro - mise are
 5. bro - ken. Christ for us all! Come, let us an - swer the

1. view, love - ly be - yond all our dream - ing.
 2. gain, make us as one, we im - plore you.
 3. spark what - ev - er clouds dim our vi - sion.
 4. high, giv - ing us hope to as - tound us.
 5. call, of - fering our lives as the to - ken.

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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

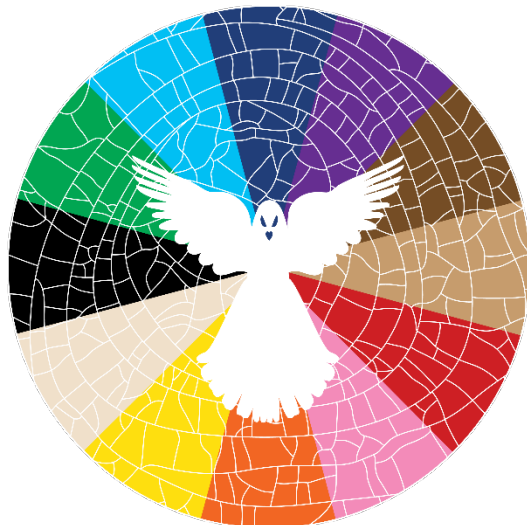
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