

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 11th Sunday of Pentecost

August 13, 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

Kerry Wilkerson
Felix Mendelssohn

“Lord God of Abraham from Elijah”

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
this day let it be known that Thou art God,
and that I am thy servant! Lord God of Abraham!
Oh shew to all these people that I have done
these things according to thy word.
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
oh hear me and answer me,
and shew this people that thou art Lord God.
And let their hearts again be turned!

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

***Opening Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
protecting us with staff and rod, in power all prevailing.
What if the nations rage and surging seas rampage;
what though the mountains fall, the lord is God of all;
on earth is found no equal.

The waters of God’s goodness flow throughout the holy city,
and gladden hearts of those who know great tenderness and pity.
Though nations stand unsure, God’s kingdom shall endure;
in power shall remain, in peace shall ever reign,
our God, the God of Jacob.

Behold! What wondrous deeds of peace from God our sole salvation,
who knows our wars and makes them cease in every land and nation.
The warrior’s spear and lance are splintered with one glance;
our guns and nuclear might stand withered in God’s sight;
the Lord of hosts is with us.

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*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

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Exodus 2:1-10 NRSV

Zach Mason

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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 108 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

“Long Ago, When Pharaoh’s Daughter”

Long ago, when Pharaoh’s daughter walked along the riverside,
in a basket in the water was a baby, snug and dry.
Tiny baby! Did his mother give him up so he might live?
Love that gives to save another is a mighty love to give.

BEECHER

text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Christ, you offered us a blessing — what our life in you can be:
“when a child is given welcome, then you also welcome me.”
In a world where children suffer and where all need love and care,
love that leads us to each other is an answer to our prayer.

Sermon

“Drawn Out”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

The Lord's Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Danielle Talamantes

Albert Hay Malotte

Invitation to Offering

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



Rev. Tara Gibbs

Offertory Anthem

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eyes of sinfulness thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Chancel Choir

arr. Robert Sterling

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**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.**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Set Apart

There are sy - stems set a - bove us that so oft - en rule with fear, ke-eping
5 We've been brought out of the wa - ter, just like Mo - ses long a - go, set a -
old and young un - ea - sy, held in bon - dage year by year. Like when
9 part to be a wit - ness, spread-ing light where' er we go. When the
pha - raoh back in E - gypt forced a mo - ther to find ways to
13 world would cause in - just - ice, God calls us to be the cure. We've been
save her son from dan- ger, so it still is in this age.
washed in God's own ri - ver, Spi-rit filled, love shall e - dure!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

"Toccata Brevis"

Jane Cain, organ
Daniel Gawthrop

*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. Leigh Anne Duncan, Campus Administrator,
Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth,
Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Associate Minister of Pastoral Care and Justice,
and Zach Mason, Ministerial Intern.

Leading worship through music are
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,
Danielle Talamantes, soloist,
Kerry Wilkerson, soloist,
Jane Cain, organist,
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.

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in one easy step.

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and how to get
involved.

Just point the camera
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QR Code to access
the items listed here.



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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

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