

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

October 15, 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**

David Young, soloist, and Kirsten Allen, violin  
Leonard Bernstein

### **“Simple Song”**

Sing God a simple song,  
lau da lau de.  
Make it up, as you go along,  
lau da lau de.  
Sing, like you like to sing,  
God loves all simple things,  
for God, is the simplest of all,  
for God, is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song.  
To praise her, to bless  
her, to bless the Lord.  
I will sing God’s praises, while I live,  
all of my days.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord  
blessed are the ones who praise him.  
Lau da lau da lau de  
and walks in his way.

I will lift up my eyes  
to the hills from whence comes my help.  
I will lift my voice to the Lord.  
Singing lau da lau de.

For the Lord, is my shade,  
is the shade upon my right hand,  
and the sun shall not smite me by day  
nor the moon by night,  
blessed is the one who loves the Lord.  
Lau da lau da lau de,

and walks in their ways.

Lau da lau da lau de  
lau da lau da di da di de-eh-eh.  
all of my days

## Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

### \*Opening Hymn

"I Danced in the Morning"

See page 6.  
AMERICAN SHAKER TUNE

### 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

### Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

Preston and Julie Barfield

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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 with Children's Worship leaders.  
Parents can pick up children from room 108 in the education building between 11 -11:15.***

### \*Sermon Hymn

"Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes"

Lord of all, in every nation, may your word be understood —  
That we have an obligation to support the common good.  
May our taxes, all together, fund our working hand in hand  
so that life will be made better for all people in this land.

Still, we also hear your teaching: "Give to God what God is due."  
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.  
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;  
may we, living in your image, seek your kingdom that endures.

BEACH SPRING  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

### Sermon

"Give to Caesar What is Caesar's"

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

### 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.**

*There are several ways to give:  
scan the QR code below or drop your offering in the plate.*



**Offertory**

Chancel Choir and Kirsten Allen, violin  
J. Kevin Gray

**“Disciples Prayer”**

Light of love and mercy, that shines through loving eyes,  
the Spirit working in us to heal and bring life.  
Grace and understanding, these are gifts from God,  
that heal the broken spirit and make us whole.  
Grace is making us whole.  
Grace shining through human eyes.  
Use us o Lord, to be instruments of your grace.  
In sharing love with others, we worship that above.  
We become the hands and feet, the embracing arms of God for all the world.  
O make us Lord, your instruments are grace.

**\*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**

*See page 7.*

*“What Shall I Give to the Lord”*

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Postlude**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Jane Cain, organ  
Robert Hobby

*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.*

Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,  
Hannah Combs, Alicia Dunn, Eric Roberts, 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](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).



### THIS WEEK AT MPBC

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:00a: Reading in Community | Adults | Parlor
- 10:00a: Worship | Sanctuary
- 10:15a: Children's Worship | Room 108
- 11:15a: Coffee Connections | Heaton Hall Foyer
- 11:15a: Spiritual Growth for Children | Room 108
- 11:15a: Spiritual Growth for Youth | Conference Room
- 11:15a: Exploring Spiritual Togetherness | Adults | Parlor
- 11:15a: Faith & Community | Adults | Shalom Hall
- 11:15a: "Help My Unbelief!" | Hybrid | Adults | Library
- 4:00p: Youth Block | Youth Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 4:30p: Mosaic Sage-ing | Adults | Library
- 5:30p: Mosaic Dinner | Heaton Hall
- 6:00p: Childcare | Birth to 4 | Room 108
- 6:00p: Children's Programming | Room 208
- 6:15p: Congregational Meeting | Heaton Hall

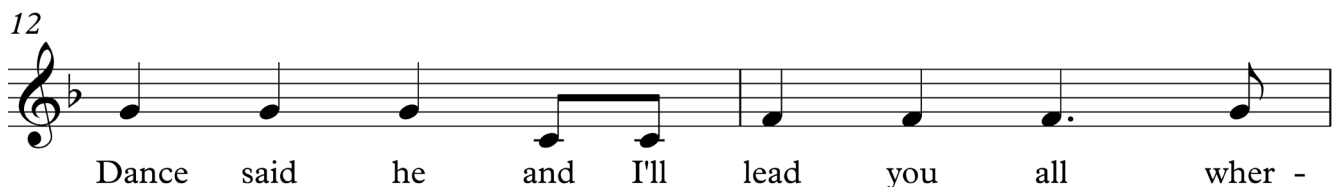
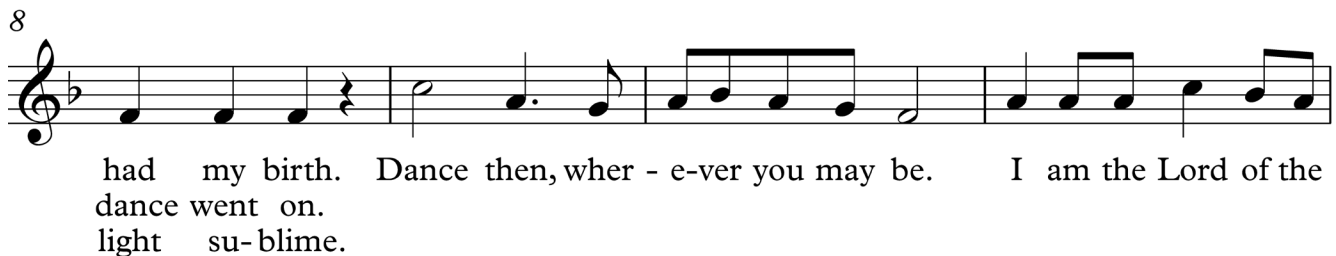
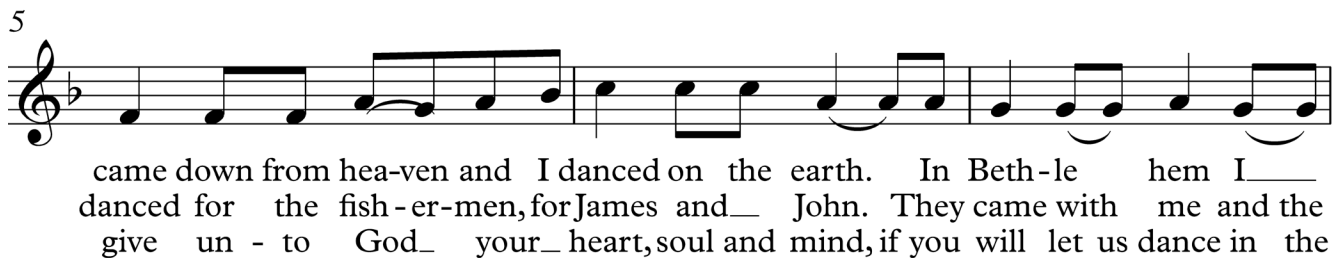
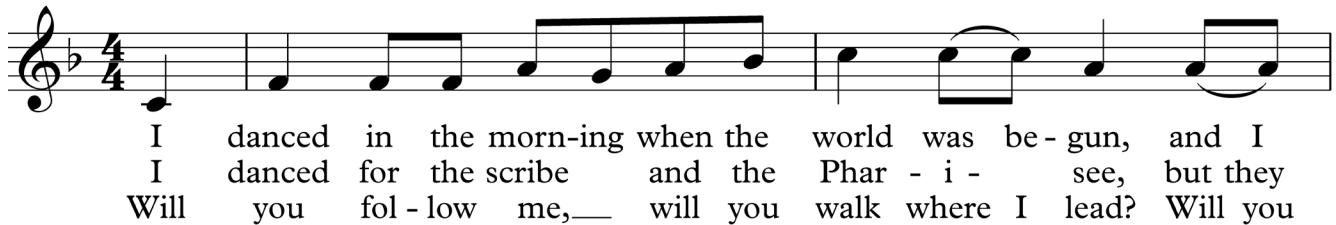


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Please reach out to our Executive Minister Carrie Veal, with any questions regarding  
programming: [cveal@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org)

# I Danced in the Morning

Verses 1&2 by Sydney Carter  
Verse 3 by J. Kevin Gray



# What Shall I Give to the Lord

J. K. Gray



O\_\_\_ what shall I give\_\_\_ to the Lord?\_\_\_ O\_\_\_ what  
 I'll give ju - stice and joy\_\_\_ to the Lord.\_\_\_\_ I'll give ju -  
 I'll give love for my neigh-bor to the Lord.\_\_\_\_ I'll give love  
 To the Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.



\_\_\_ shall I give\_\_\_ to the Lord?\_\_\_ I de- ci- ded long a - go\_  
 stice and joy\_\_\_ to the Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ for my neigh-bor to the Lord.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_ to give my heart mind and soul.\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_  
 I'll give  
 I'll give



what shall I give\_\_\_ to the Lord?  
 ju - stice and joy\_\_\_ to the Lord.  
 love for my neigh - bor to the Lord.\_\_\_\_

## 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

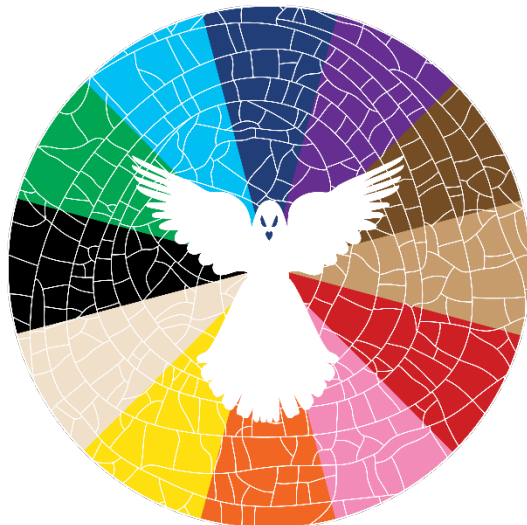
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Executive Minister

**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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*We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | [lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).*

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