



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

May 11, 2025 | 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.

Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on main level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

“Benedictus, Op.58, No.9”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Max Reger

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Leader: In the meeting of our lives,

People: be the focus of all that we are.

Leader: In the singing of the hymns, the prayers that we shall make,

People: be the focus of all that they are.

Leader: May the reading of your word and the preaching of the same, speak to us, encourage and forgive us.

People: In the meaning of our lives, Lord, be the focus of all that we are.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy”

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DARWALL’S 148th

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*



*Passing of the Peace

A Moment of Centering

Psalms 130:5 and Romans 8:6

J. Kevin Gray

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior.

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.

**People: Come and find the quiet center,
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.**

BEACH SPRING

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Gospel Reading – John 10:22-30 (NRSV)

Amy Johnson, Congregant

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the father’s hand. The father and I are one.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

As the song begins, 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.

They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Shaina Bailey, Director of Children’s Ministry, and leaders.

Parents can pick up children from room 212 in the education building between 11-11:15.

*For those staying through Spiritual Growth,
please pick up children in the childcare room at noon.*

*Sermon Hymn

“My Shepherd You Supply My Need”

See page 7.
RESIGNATION

Sermon

“The Verbs of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Time for Reflection

Church at Prayer

Rev. Sam Slack, Transition Team Member

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

Anna-Catherine Fowler, Deacon

You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or
dropping your offering in the plate.



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir
Rowe Shelley

“The King of Love my Shepherd Is ”

The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
And so, through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*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

Anna-Catherine Fowler, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

LANCASHIRE

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table, we hear our common call.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Denis Bedard

“Variations on LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

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



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Fitzsimon Taylor.



At Myers Park Baptist Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented. Be assured that MPBC holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.



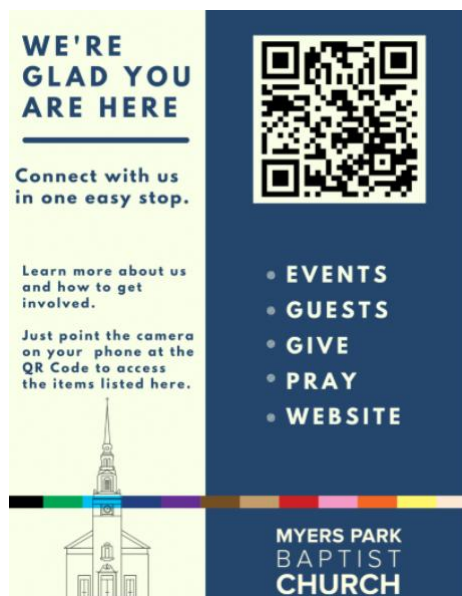
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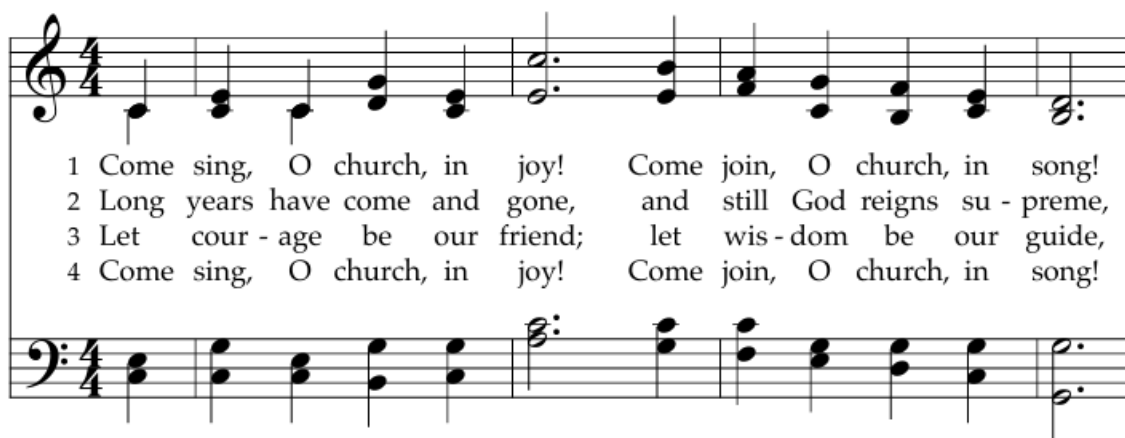
HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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. Dr. Layne Smith at lsmith@myersparkbaptist.org.

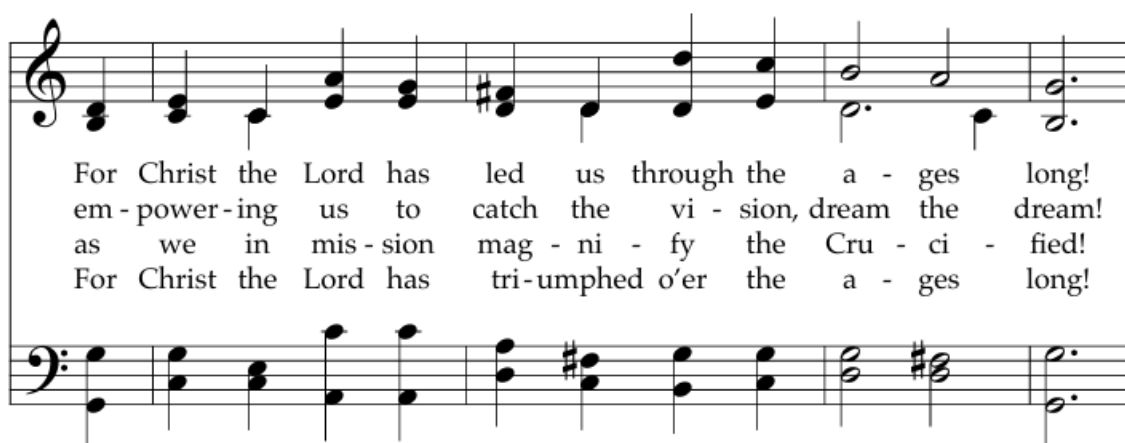
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Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

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 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
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DARWALL'S 148TH
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My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

RESIGNATION CMD

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Anita Bultmann Tritt, 1995

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. My Shep-herd, you sup- ply my need; Je - ho - vah is your name.
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, Be - side the liv - ing stream.
One word of your sup - port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.
O may your House be my a - bode, And all my work be praise.

You bring my wan - dering spir - it back, When I for - sake your ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come;

And lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
No more a strang - er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the voice.

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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13

Theology Pub 6:00p-8:00p

Hawthorne's (6215 Old Post Road)

May 14

Wednesday Meditation 11:30a-12:00p

Zoom

May 18

Faith and Community Forum

With Speaker Judy Goldman 11:15a-12:15p

Shalom Hall

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.

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