

OPEN TO ALL



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

Labor Sunday

September 4, 2022 | 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 now optional for worship and in small group settings for adults. Until notified otherwise, children and youth will be masked while indoors in their small groups, but masks will be optional for them while outside.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – 5 years. Please see a greeter for more information.

Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Gathering Song

Randy Franklin and the Sardines

“Here Comes the Sun”

The Beatles

Refrain:

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun
and I say it’s all right.

Little darling, it’s been a long cold lonely winter.

Little darling, it feels like years since it’s been here. [Refrain]

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces.

Little darling, it seems like years since it’s been here. [Refrain]

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes.

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting.

Little darling, it seems like years since it’s been clear. [Refrain]

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Opening Song

“Nowhere Man”

The Beatles

He’s a real nowhere man
sitting in his nowhere land,
making all his nowhere plans for nobody.

Doesn’t have a point of view,
knows not where he’s going to.
Isn’t he a bit like you and me?

Refrain:

Nowhere Man, please listen,
you don’t know what you’re missing.
Nowhere Man, the world is at your command.

He’s as blind as he can be,
just sees what he wants to see.
Nowhere Man, can you see me at all?

Nowhere Man, don’t worry,
take your time, don’t hurry.
Leave it all till somebody else lends you a hand.

Doesn't have a point of view
Knows not where he's going to
Isn't he a bit like you and me? [Refrain]

He's a real Nowhere Man,
sitting in his nowhere land.
Making all his nowhere plans for nobody (3x)

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

Hebrew Scripture Reading - Deuteronomy 24:14-15 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Jerry Warmath

"You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt."

Gospel Reading - Luke 11:1-13 (NRSV)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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.**

Sermon Song

“A Day in the Life”

The Beatles

I read the news today, oh boy,
about a lucky man who made the grade.
And though the news was rather sad,
well, I just had to laugh, I saw the photograph.

He blew his mind out in a car;
he didn't notice that the lights had changed.
A crowd of people stood and stared.
They'd seen his face before;
nobody was really sure if he was from the House of Lords.
I saw a film today, oh boy;
the English army had just won the war.
A crowd of people turned away,
but I just had to look, having read the book.
I'd love to turn you on.

Woke up, fell out of bed;
dragged a comb across my head.
Found my way downstairs and drank a cup
and looking up, I noticed I was late.

Found my coat and grabbed my hat;
made the bus in seconds flat.
Found my way upstairs and had a smoke
and somebody spoke and I went into a dream.

Ah I read the news today, oh boy.
Four thousand holes in Blackburn, Lancashire.
And though the holes were rather small,
they had to count them all.
Now they know how many holes it takes to fill the Albert Hall.
I'd love to turn you on.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Our Debts and Daily Wages”

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

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

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



Offertory Song

“Beware of Darkness”

The Beatles

Watch out now, take care;
beware of falling swingers
dropping all around you:
the pain that often mingles
in your fingertips.
Beware of darkness.

Watch out now, take care;
beware of the thoughts that linger.
Winding up inside your head
the hopelessness around you
in the dead of night.
Beware of sadness.
It can hit you;
it can hurt you.
Make you sore and what is more,
that is not what you are here for.

Watch out now, take care;
beware of soft shoe shufflers
dancing down the sidewalks
as each unconscious sufferer
wanders aimlessly.
Beware of Maya.

Watch out now, take care;
beware of greedy leaders.
They take you where you should not go.
While Weeping Atlas Cedars:
they just want to grow, grow and grow.
Beware of darkness (beware of darkness).

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures, here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Carrie Veal

Closing Song

“Hey, Jude”

The Beatles

Hey, Jude, don't make it bad,
take a sad song and make it better.
Remember to let her into your heart,
then you can start to make it better.

Hey, Jude, don't be afraid;
you were made to go out and get her.
The minute you let her under your skin
then you begin to make it better.

And anytime you feel the pain,
hey, Jude, refrain.

Don't carry the world upon your shoulders.
For well you know that it's a fool
who plays it cool
by making his world a little colder.
Nah, nah nah, . . .

Hey, Jude, don't let me down,
you have found her, now go and get her.
Remember to let her into your heart,
then you can start to make it better.

So let it out and let it in,
hey, Jude, begin.
You're waiting for someone to perform with
and don't you know that it's just you.
hey, Jude, you'll do.
The movement you need is on your shoulder.
Nah, nah nah, . . .

Hey, Jude, don't make it bad;
take a sad song and make it better.
Remember to let her under your skin
then you'll begin to make it better, better, better, better... oh!
Nah, nah nah, . . .

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Sending Song

"The Long and Winding Road"

The Beatles

The long and winding road, that leads to your door
will never disappear, I've seen that road before.
It always leads me here, lead me to your door.
The wild and windy night, that the rain, washed away
has left a pool of tears, crying for the day.
Why leave me standing here, let me know the way.

Many times I've been alone, and many times I've cried;
anyway you'll never know, the many ways I've tried.
And still they lead me back, to the long winding road.
You left me standing here a long, long time ago.
Don't leave me waiting here, lead me to your door.

But still they lead me back to the long winding road.
You left me standing here, a long, long time ago.
Don't keep me waiting here, lead me to your door.
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

***Following worship, please join us on the front porch for lemonade,
followed by Sermon TalkBack at 11:15a in the Sanctuary.
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 through TalkBack.

***Today is the final Sunday of summer sermon TalkBack;
Spiritual Growth classes resume beginning October 2, 2022.***


Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,
are Rev. Tara Gibbs, Minister of Youth and College,
Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan, Campus Administrator,
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community and Engagement,
and Rev. Dr. Jerry Warmath, Member of the Congregation.

Leading worship through music are
Randy Franklin and the Sardines:
Randy Franklin, *guitar and vocals*
Keith Shamel, *lead guitar and vocals*
Ed Leitch, *lead guitar*
Steve Foley, *bass*
Donnie Dover, *piano and vocals*
Tom Thomas, *drums and vocals*



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs and volunteers.



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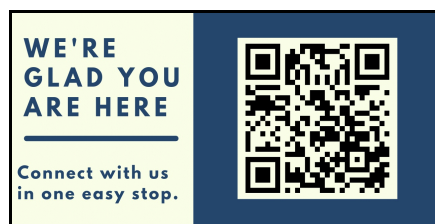


HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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.



We occasionally take photographs during our worship service.
If you would prefer not to be included, please contact
Laura Geer, Director of Communications, at lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.



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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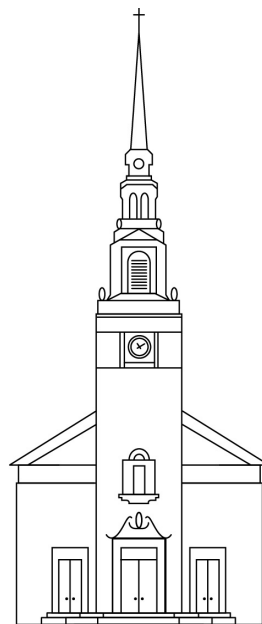
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