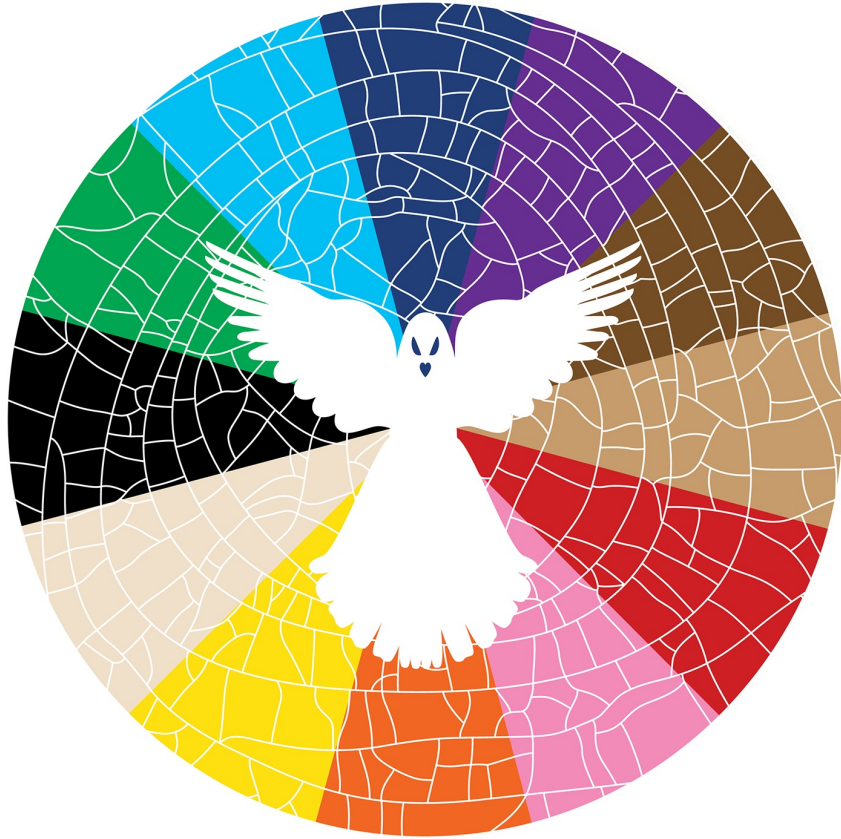


# OPEN TO ALL



## MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

July 17, 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.

### Prelude

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Me”

John Richardson, piano  
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Mia McClain

### \*Opening Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

REGENT SQUARE

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may be hallow life’s brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

### Moment for Engagement

### 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

### Gospel Reading - Acts 17:5-10; 13-16; 22-28

Lucy Mae Pearsall and Connor Young

Then the [other] Jews became jealous, and enlisting some immoral men in the marketplaces, they formed a mob and stirred up the city in an uproar and they attacked Jason’s house searching for Paul and Silas to bring out to the gathering. Now when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city leaders, shouting “These are the ones who have disrupted the [entire] world and are now here. This Jason has received them as guests and they are all in opposition to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another sovereign

named Jesus.” The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go. That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. Then the believers immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him. While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. For ‘In God we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are God’s offspring.’

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 Anthem

#### “Canticle of the Turning”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.  
Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn...

Chancel Choir  
*arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn...

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around...  
--Rory Cooney, Paraphrase of Luke 1:46-58 (Magnificat)

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Disrupting the World”

### Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Joe Aldrich

### 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. Mia McClain

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



### Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

“The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God,” from *Creation*

*Franz Josef Haydn*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of God's work displays the firmament;  
Today that is coming speaks it the day; the night that is gone to following night...  
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood...

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark, soprano; David Young, tenor; Matt Winslow, *baritone*

### \*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. Joe Aldrich

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Christ Has Called Us To New Visions,” (verses 1, 3, 4)

See page 7.  
IN BABILONE

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Postlude**

“Take My Life”

John Richardson, organ  
Fanella Bennetts (b. 1939)

***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.*

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,  
are Rev. Joe Aldrich, Executive Minister of Caregiving and Leadership,  
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community and Engagement,  
and Lucy Mae Pearsall and Connor Young, Members of the Children’s Ministry.

Leading worship through music are  
Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship,  
Members of the Chancel Choir,  
and John Richardson, Organist.



The acolytes are members of the Youth and College Ministry.



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
John Joseph Geuss by his family.



We give God thanks for the ministry and work of Joanne Hylinski,  
Assistant Director of Through-the-Week School, who joined our staff on July 23, 2018.



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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).



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](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).



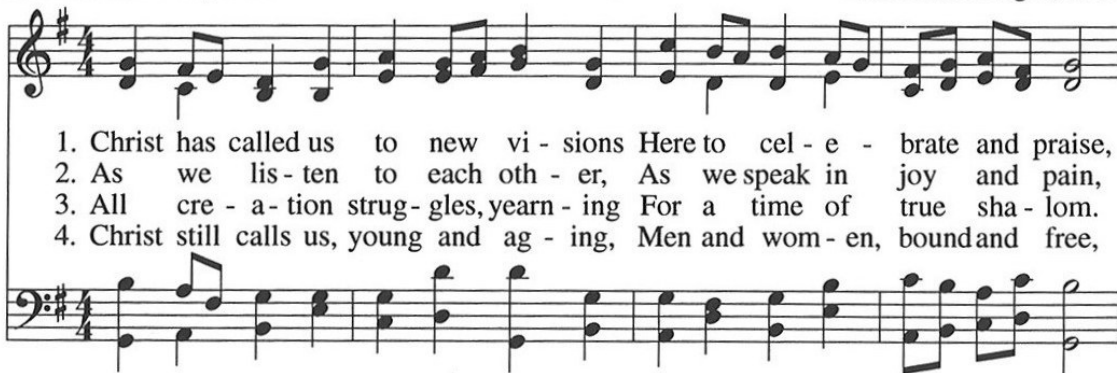


# Christ Has Called Us To New Visions (verses 1, 3, 4)

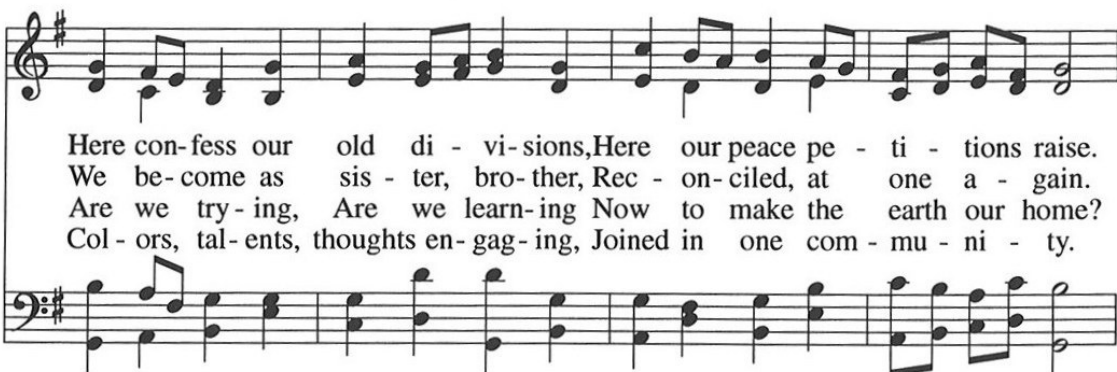
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906



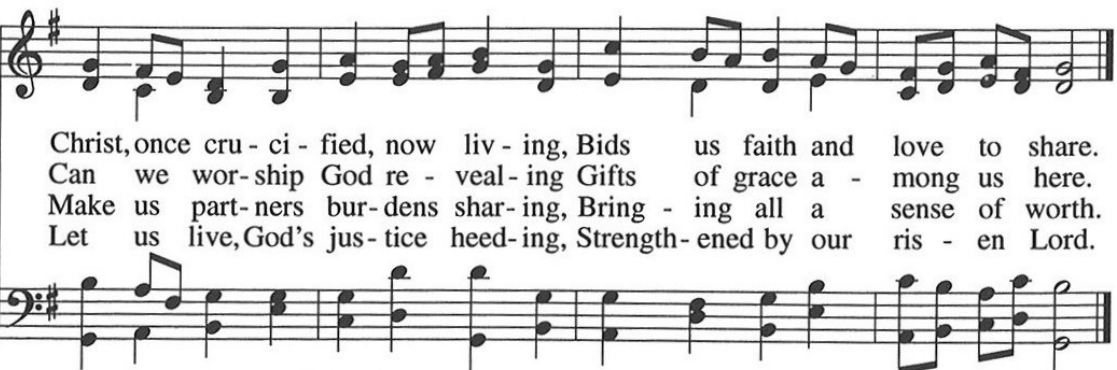
1. Christ has called us to new vi - sions Here to cel - e - brate and praise,  
2. As we lis - ten to each oth - er, As we speak in joy and pain,  
3. All cre - a - tion strug - gles, yearn - ing For a time of true sha - lom.  
4. Christ still calls us, young and ag - ing, Men and wom - en, bound and free,



Here con - fess our old di - vi - sions, Here our peace pe - ti - tions raise.  
We be - come as sis - ter, bro - ther, Rec - on - ciled, at one a - gain.  
Are we try - ing, Are we learn - ing Now to make the earth our home?  
Col - ors, tal - ents, thoughts en - gag - ing, Joined in one com - mu - ni - ty.



Come re - pen - tant, come for - giv - ing, Come in joy and hope and prayer.  
On - ly thus in work and feel - ing For our neigh - bor far or near  
For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, For the poor of all the earth,  
Christ re - mold - ing, heal - ing, lead - ing, Sins for - giv - en! Life re - stored!



Christ, once cru - ci - fied, now liv - ing, Bids us faith and love to share.  
Can we wor - ship God re - veal - ing Gifts of grace a - mong us here.  
Make us part - ners bur - dens shar - ing, Bring - ing all a sense of worth.  
Let us live, God's jus - tice heed - ing, Strength - ened by our ris - en Lord.

Words from "A Singing Faith" by Jane Parker Huber.

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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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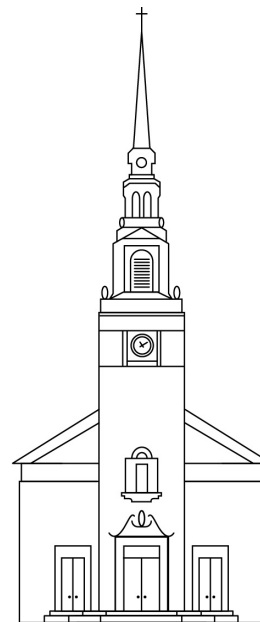
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