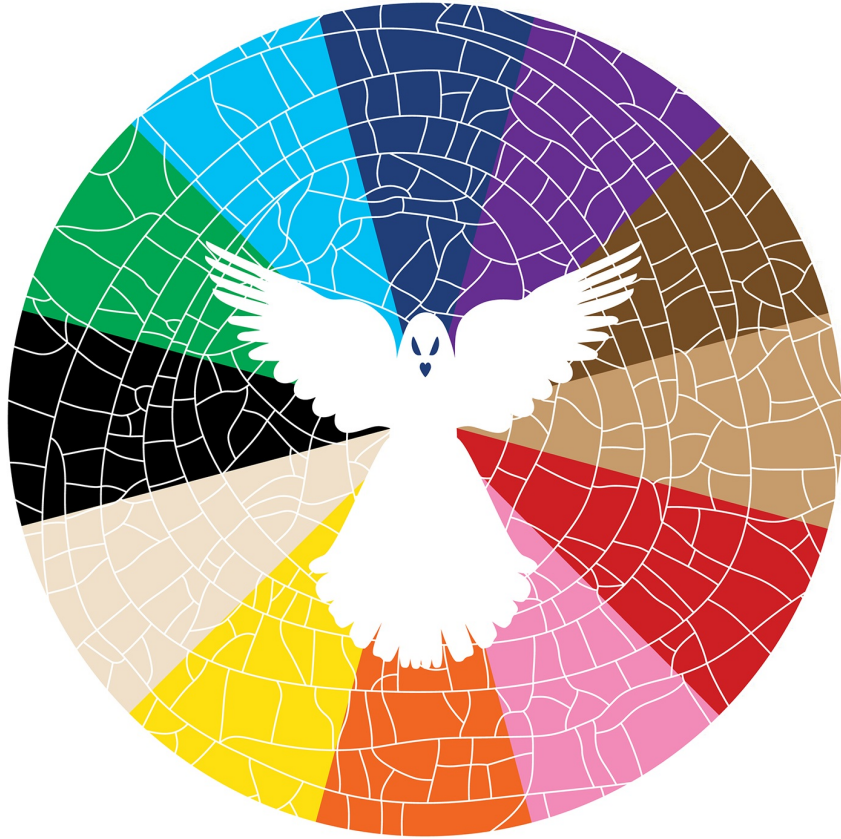


OPEN TO ALL



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

July 3, 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.

*There is no childcare today; children are invited to remain in worship.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.*

Prelude

Bill Miller, piano

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*Opening Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

See page 7.

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Moment for Engagement

Carla Hines

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 - Exodus 16:1-20 (NRSV)

Claudette Green

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord

appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’” The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over until morning.” But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them.

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

“Va, pensiero” (Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves) from *Nabucco*

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

**The opera “Nabucco” was written in 1842, in part, as a political statement against the continued oppression Italians were receiving at the hands of the Austrians and other occupying forces. When Verdi died, as his funeral procession passed through the streets, thousands of people gathered into the streets and spontaneously sang this chorus. It has since been sung by oppressed people throughout the world as a political statement against their oppression.*

Fly my thoughts, on wings of gold
Go settle upon the slopes and the hills,
Where, soft and mild, the sweet airs
Of my native land smell fragrant!

Greet the banks of the Jordan
And Zion’s toppled towers.
Oh, my homeland, so lovely and so lost!
Oh memory, so dear and so dead!

Golden harp of the prophets old,
Why do you now hang silent upon the willows?
Rekindle the memories in our hearts,
And speak of times gone by!

Mindful of the fate of Solomon’s temple,
Let me cry out with sad lamentation,
Or else may the Lord strengthen me
To bear these sufferings!

Chancel Choir; Dr. Claudio Olivera, piano

Sermon

Rev. Mia McClain

“There Is No Before”

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

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. Carrie Veal

*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 Anthem

“Down by the Riverside”

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside...
To study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more...

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside...
To study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more...

Gonna try on my starry crown down by the riverside...
To study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more...

Chancel Choir; Christopher Cameron Smith, tenor;
McKenzie Coleman, soprano; 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. Carrie Veal

*Closing Hymn

“For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free”

ELLACOMBE

For freedom, Christ has set us free!”
What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity
Finds life in Jesus' name.
We try, Lord, to be justified
Through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, “Child,
It's Christ who makes you new.”

We're clothed in Christ and we belong;
Now no one waits outside.
In him we find our common song;
Old ways no more divide.
“It is no longer I who live,

But Christ who lives in me.”
He died for us, new life to give —
And new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led
From ways that would destroy.
May we your people turn instead
To lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole
And patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control,
And hearts and hands that share.

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Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor (Upper Room Books, 2009).

Benediction

Rev. Mia McClain

Postlude

Bill Miller, *piano*

***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.***

There is no childcare today.

Leading worship today with Rev. Mia McClain, Associate Minister,
are Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community and Engagement,
and Claudette Green, Member of the Congregation.

Leading worship through music are
Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship,
Members of the Chancel Choir,
and Bill Miller, Guest Pianist.



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
Farnum and Mattie Mae Gray by their family.

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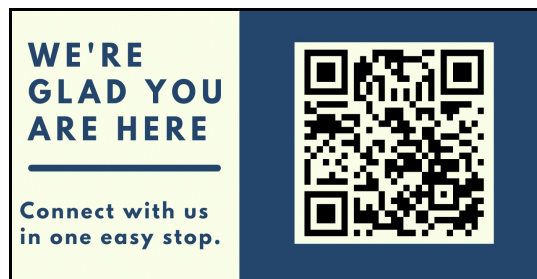


HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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.



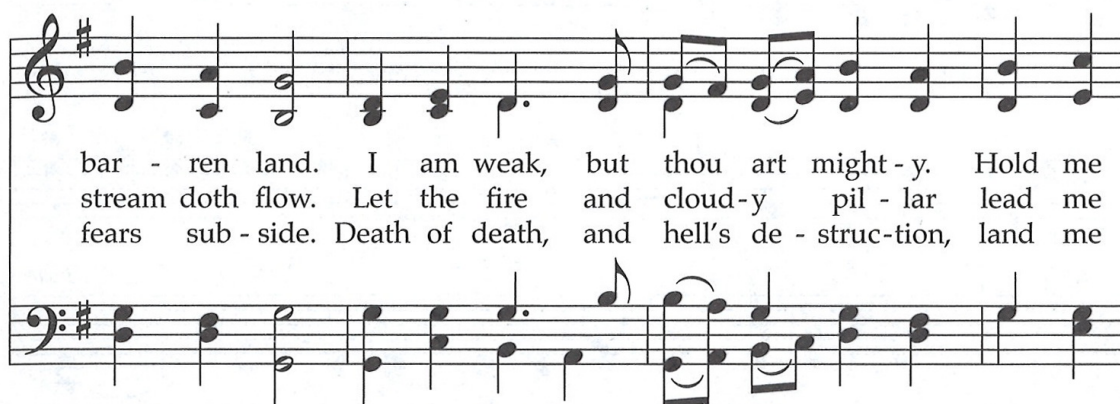
We occasionally take photographs during our worship service.
If you would prefer not to be included, please contact
Laura Geer, Director of Communications, at lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.



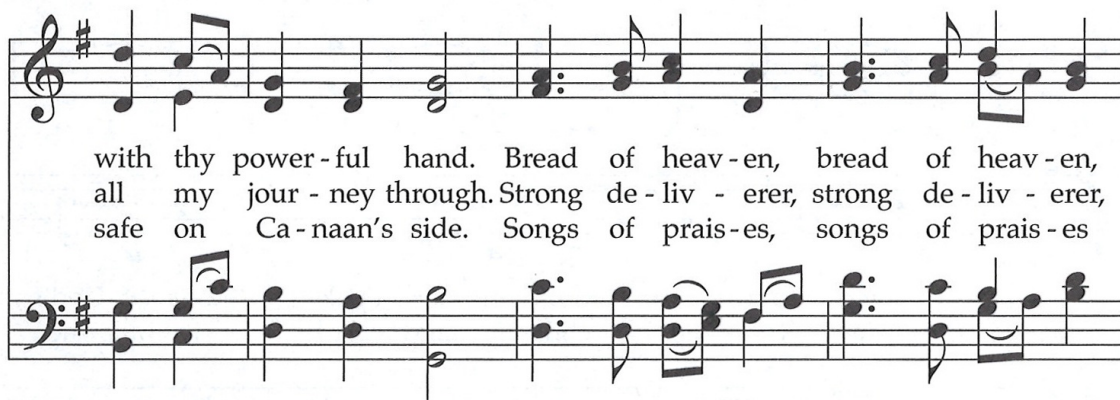
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



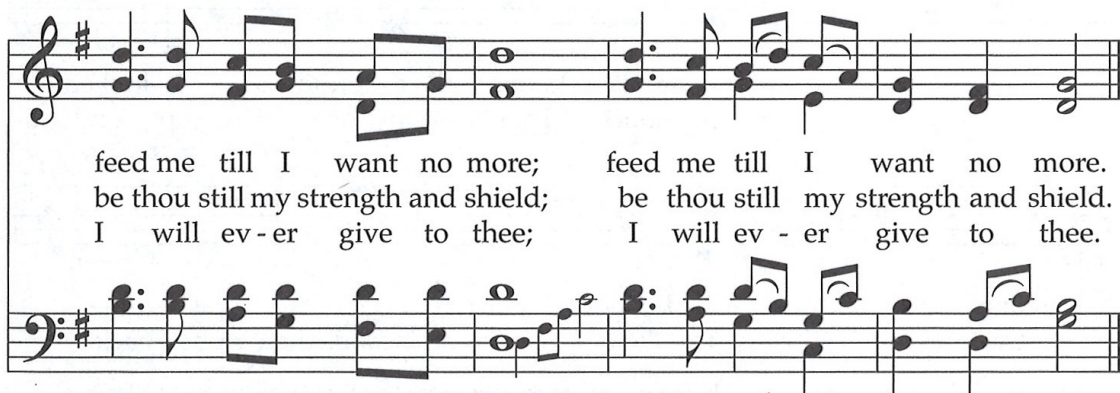
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

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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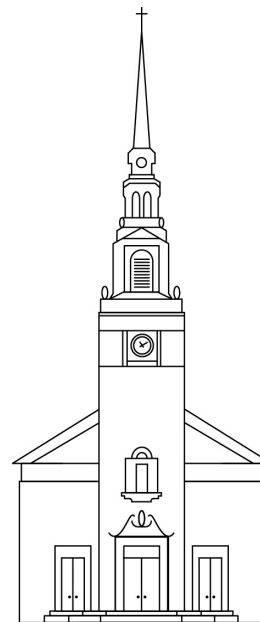
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