

OPEN TO ALL



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 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

“Jesus Loves Me”

John Richardson, piano
Timothy Bellflowers

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Opening Hymn

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

See page 6.
OQUANTA QUALIA

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

Hebrew Scripture Reading - Hosea 11:1-11

Rev. Tara Gibbs

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Epistle Reading - Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are

above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

“O Love, How Deep”

Everett Titcomb

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
For us he prayed, for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself but us.
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad,
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.
—15th Century Latin Text, tr. Benjamin Webb

Sermon

Dr. Bill Leonard

“Forsaking Baal for the God Who is in Recovery”

Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Tara Gibbs

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

“Choose Love”

John Richardson, piano
Mark Miller

***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. Tara Gibbs

***Closing Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

See page 7.
BEECHER

Benediction

Dr. Bill Leonard

Postlude

“Springs of Living Water”

John Richardson, piano
John Richardson

***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 Dr. Bill Leonard, Guest Proclaimer,
are Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,
Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister of Community and Engagement,
and Rev. Tara Gibbs, Minister of Youth and College.

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
the lives and marriage of Jim and Ann Berry
by their daughter, Carol Leinbach and her husband, Leon.



We give God thanks for the ministry and work of Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman,
Campus Administrator, who joined our staff on August 1, 2017.



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HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

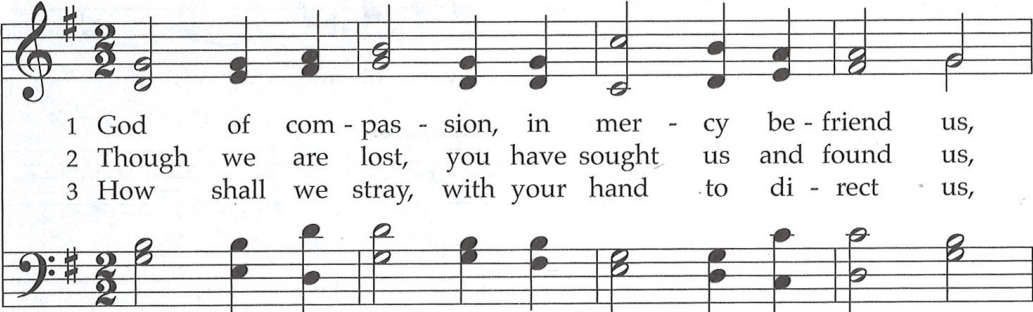
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.
To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.



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.



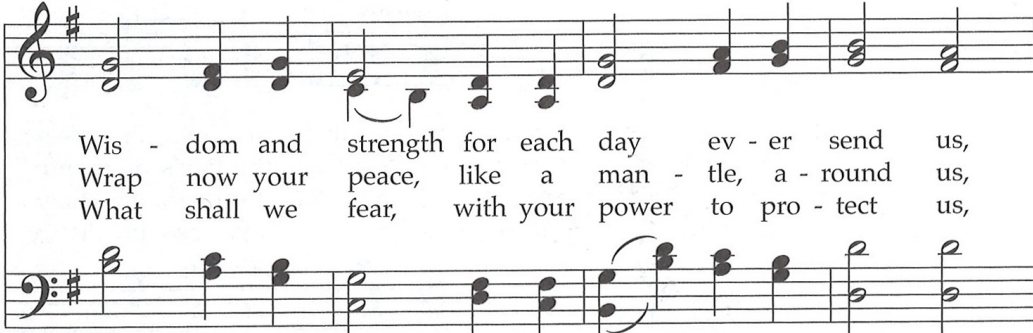
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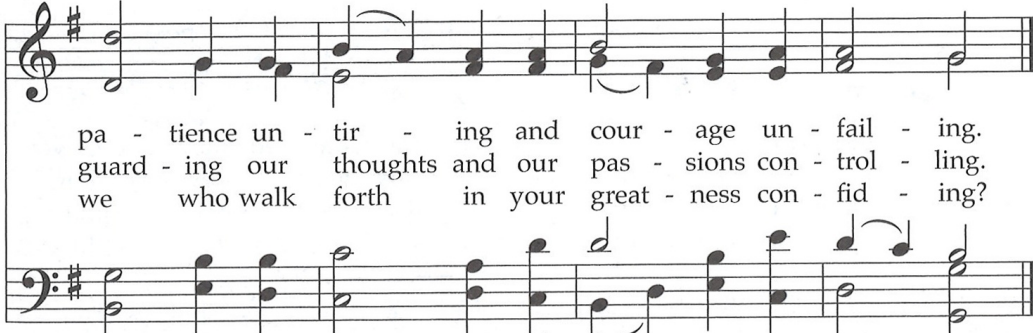
1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

TEXT: John J. Moment, 1933, alt.
MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

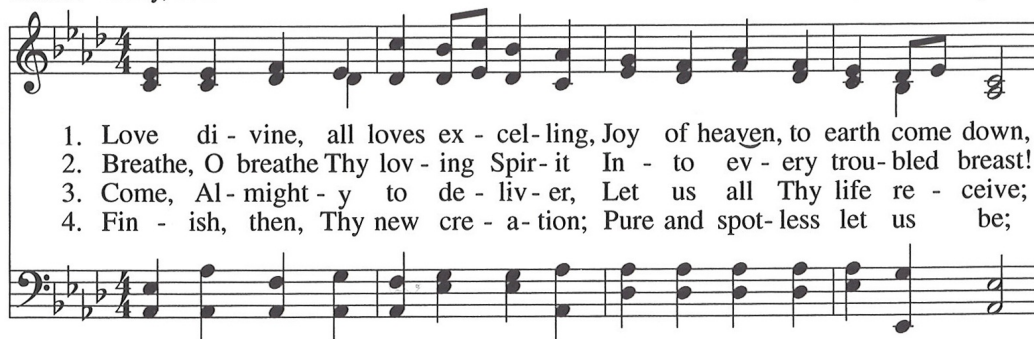
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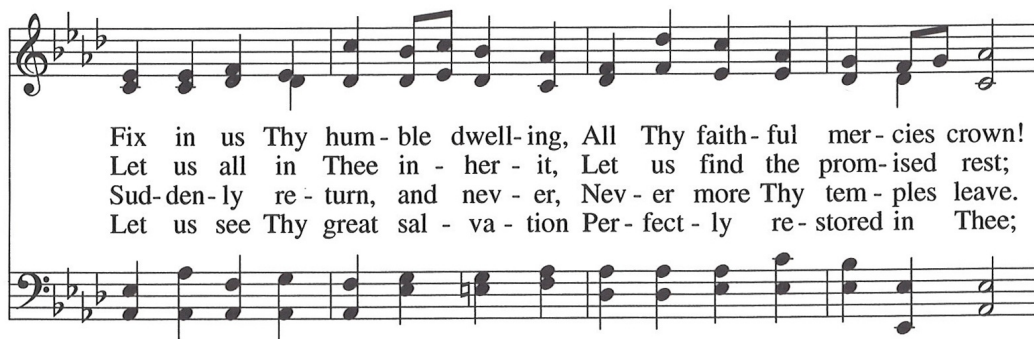
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Charles Wesley, 1747

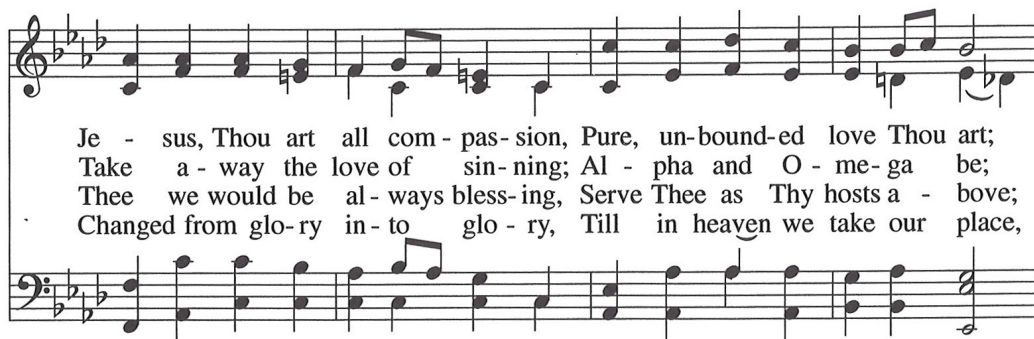
John Zundel, 1870



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove;
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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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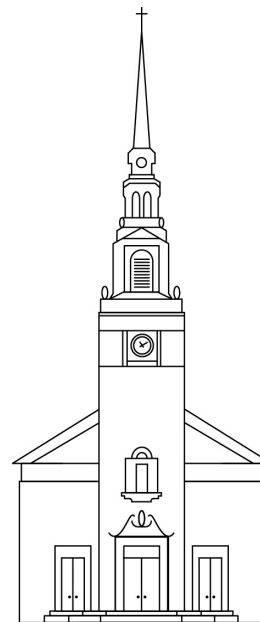
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