

# OPEN TO ALL



## MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**Pentecost**

June 5, 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

“Interlude”

John Richardson, organ  
Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

## Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Mia McClain

## \*Opening Hymn

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

See page 6.  
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## Moment for Engagement

Lorin Bent

## 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: Psalm 104:1-4, 10-15, 27-30

Beth Resler Walters

Bless the Fount of Life, O my soul. Mother of All, my God, you are very great. You don honor and majesty, wrapped in light as a garment, you stretch out the heavens like a tent-curtain. She who lays on the waters the beams of her upper chambers, she who makes the clouds her chariot, she is the one who rides on the wings of the wind. She is the one who makes the winds her celestial messengers, fire and flame her ministers.

She is the one who makes springs gush forth in the torrents; they flow between the hills. They give drink to every wild animal; the wild donkeys slake their thirst. By the torrents the birds of the heavens dwell; among the branches they give voice. She is the one who waters the mountains from her high chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. She is the one who makes grass grow for the cattle, and vegetation for human labor, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to make the human heart rejoice, with oil to make the face shine, and bread to sustain the human heart.

All of these hope in you to provide their food in due season. You give it to them, they glean it; you open your hand, they are well satisfied. You hide your face, they are dismayed; when you collect their breath, they die and to their dust they return. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

Now as many as are led by the Spirit of God are daughters and sons of God. For you all did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall again into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption through which we cry, “Abba! Father!” It is that same Spirit who bears witness with our spirit that we are daughters and sons of God. And if daughters and sons, then heirs, heirs of God and heirs with Christ, if it is true that we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the daughters and sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the daughters and sons of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as is necessary, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mindset of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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**

“If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments  
If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth.

Chancel Choir  
*Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

–Communion Antiphon for Easter VI, John 14:15-17

**Sermon**

“Renewing the Face of the Earth”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession**

Rev. Mia McClain

**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

*Text giveMPBC to 833.833.3995.*

## Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

Tom Fettke

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
O who are we that you are mindful of us?  
You have given us a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made us a little lower than the angels.  
You have put us in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But who are we that you are mindful of us?  
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly.  
And so would we, and so would we.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.

--Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8

## \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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**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

Rev. Carrie Veal

## \*Closing Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

## Postlude

“Toccata in B minor”

John Richardson, organ  
Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

***Please join us in welcoming our new members on the Sanctuary front porch,  
followed by Sermon TalkBack at 11:15a in the Sanctuary.***

*Childcare for children ages birth to Kindergarten  
will be provided through TalkBack.*

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

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




The acolytes are members of the Youth and College Ministry.



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the marriage of Jane Campbell Wester and Ian Michael Lopshire on June 4, 2022.



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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).



### MOBILE GIVING

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It is secure, simple, and efficient:

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- When you receive a message, click on the link provided and follow the instructions.
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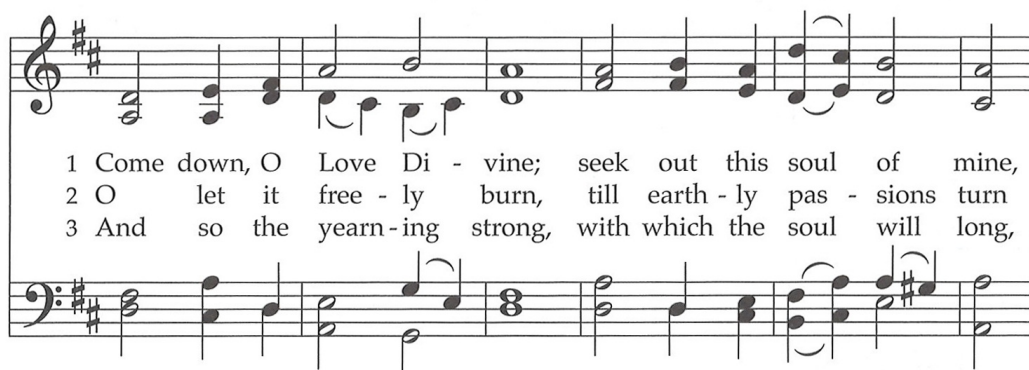
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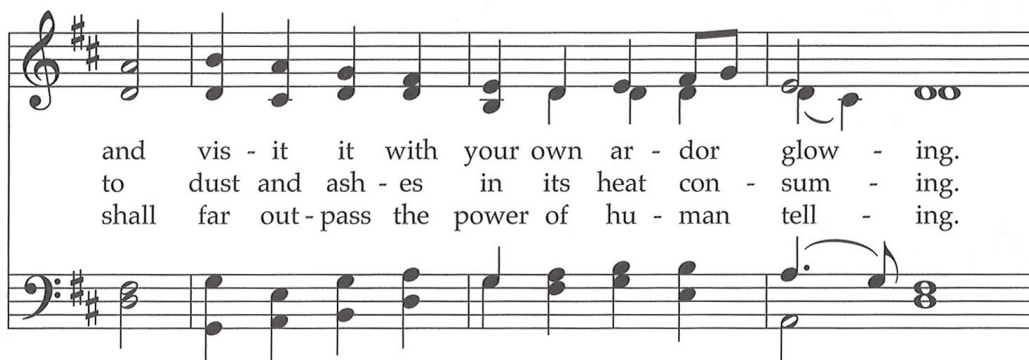
We occasionally take photographs during our worship service.  
If you would prefer not to be included, please contact  
Laura Geer, Director of Communications, at [lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).



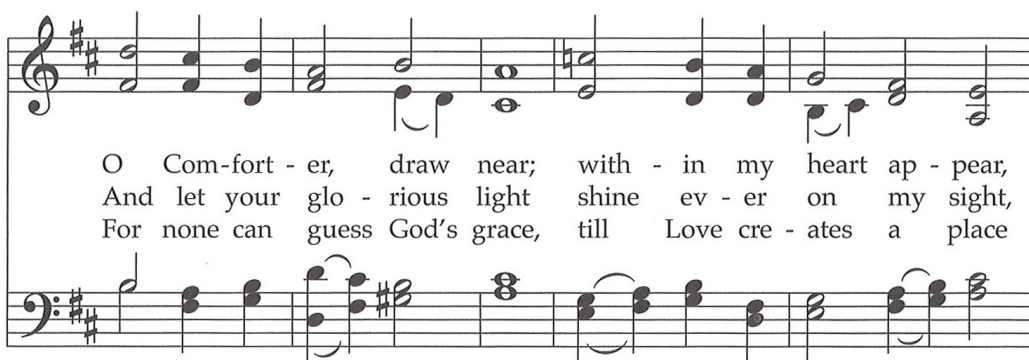
# Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

TEXT: Bianco da Siena, c. 1367; trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867, alt.  
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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# In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.  
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

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 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

## 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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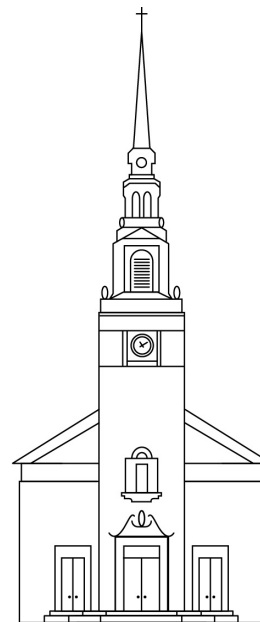
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