



The Worship of God
The 5th Sunday of Eastertide
Youth Sunday/ Senior Recognition

April 28, 2024 | 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 encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

J. Kevin Gray, pianist

Call to Worship and Invocation

Christopher Dougherty

*Opening Hymn

“Woke Up This Morning”

Traditional Spiritual

Woke up this morning with my mind set on Jesus.
Woke up this morning with my mind set on Jesus.
Woke up this morning with my mind set on Jesus.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

I’m walking and talking with my mind set on Jesus,
walking and talking with my mind set on Jesus,
walking and talking with my mind set on Jesus,
Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah!

I’m singing and praising with my mind set on Jesus,
singing and praising with my mind set on Jesus,
singing and praising with my mind set on Jesus,
Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah!

Welcome of Our Guests

Lucy Mae Pearsall

*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

Creation Justice Moment

Deb & Ken Steiner

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (Myers Park Youth Translation)

Harper Harris & Langley Barfield

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.

Musical Reflection

Youth Ensemble

"I'm Yours"

Jason Mraz

Before the cool done run out, I'll be givin' it my bestest,
and nothing's gonna stop me but divine intervention.
I reckon it's again my turn to win some or learn some,
but I won't hesitate no more, no more, it cannot wait, I'm sure.

Well, open up your mind and see like me.
Open up your plans and, wow, you're free.
Look into your heart, and you'll find love, love, love, love.
Listen to the music of the moment people dance and sing,
we're just one big family, and it's our God given right to be loved, loved, loved, loved, loved.

So, I won't hesitate no more, no more,
it cannot wait, I'm sure.
There's no need to complicate, our time is short.
This is our fate, I'm sure.

I've been spending way too long checking my tongue in the mirror,
and bending over backwards just to try to see it clearer,
but my breath fogged up the glass
and so I drew a new face and I laughed.

I guess what I'll be saying is there ain't no better reason,
to rid yourself of vanities and just go with the seasons.
It's what we aim to do our name is our virtue.
But I won't hesitate no more, no more,
It cannot wait, I'm sure.

Open up your mind and see like me.
Open up your plans and, wow, you're free.
Look into your heart, and you'll find love, love, love, love.

But I won't hesitate no more, no more,
It cannot wait, I'm sure.

Senior Reflections

Sofia Bartholomew & Eliza McClelland

Church at Prayer

Tucker Pearsall

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

Ella Shimkoski

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



Offertory

Youth Ensemble
Stevie Nicks

“Landslide”

Solo:

I took my love, I took it down.
I climbed a mountain, and I turned around,
and I saw my reflection in the snow-covered hills,
'til the landslide will bring it down,
Oh, mirror in the sky what is love?
Can the child within my heart rise above?
Can I sail through the changin' ocean tides?
Can I handle the seasons of my life?

All:

Well, I've been afraid of changin' 'cause I've built my life around you,
but time makes you bolder even children get older,
and I'm getting older too. *[Repeat]*

Solo:

Ah-ah, take my love, take it down.
ah-ah, climbed a mountain and turned around,
and if you see my reflection in the snow-covered hills,
well, the landslide bring it down,
and if you see my reflection in the snow-covered hills,
well, the landslide bring it down.
Oh-oh, the landslide bring it down.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**God made all creatures wild and free,
each atom, every galaxy;
praise our Maker! Alleluia!
God places Earth in human care,
land, living beings, water, air;
come now folk from every nation,
help our God renew Creation! Alleluia!**

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text: Paula W. M. Testerman

*Prayer of Dedication

Bridget Dougherty

***Closing Hymn**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Traditional Spiritual

I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.
I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I’m gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I’m gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I’m gonna sing so God can use me, anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I’m gonna sing so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Postlude

J. Kevin Gray, pianist

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 until noon.

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



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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. Marina Luckhoo at mluckhoo@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.

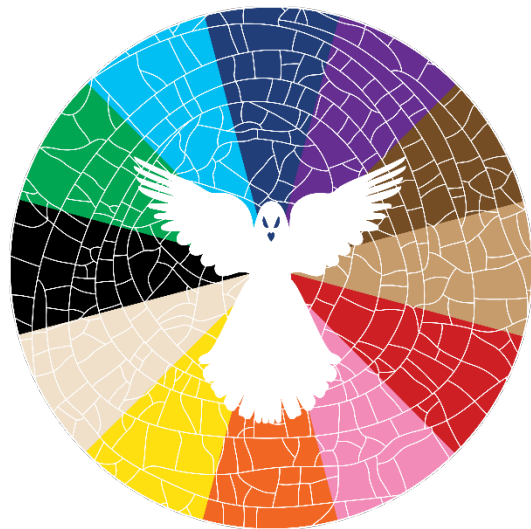
OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell
Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal
Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs
Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship



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