

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 6th Sunday of Eastertide

May 5, 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

“Thanks Be to Thee”

Lee Northcutt, organ

G. F. Handel

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*Opening Hymn

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

See page 6.

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Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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

Bob Thomason

Gospel Reading – John 15:9-17 (NRSV adapted)

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark

As my Creator has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Creator’s commandments and abide in their love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Creator. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that my Creator will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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.

As the song begins, 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship. They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Children’s Worship leaders. Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11-11:15.

*Sermon Hymn

“The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace”

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Sing when cued.

The King - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly
Spi - rit Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of Your King - dom. The

Sermon

“Complete Joy”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Musical Reflection

“This Joy I Have”

Shanka Pettis
Shirley Caesar

Church at Prayer

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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. Tara Gibbs

*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 Anthem

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Chancel Choir with Emil Foster, soloist
Arr. Danel Kallman

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the joys of heaven, thou thee only savior art.
To serve the ever, forsake the never,
we bow before thee, love and adore thee. Alleluia!
In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, he who once was dead is raised.
Jesus is giving life to the living, and ever let him be praised!
Here where they laid him, death has not slayed him,
the tomb once somber holds him no longer. Alleluia!
Now is the story of Easter glory sung with glad voices, the world rejoices. Alleluia!

***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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
lyrics by Paula W. M. Testerman

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Tara Gibbs

***Closing Hymn**
"Arise and Celebrate"

See page 7.
FESTAL SONG

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell


Postlude
"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Lee Northcutt, organ
Benedetto Marcello

*If you are our guest today, please connect with a
minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.*

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



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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. Marina Luckhoo at mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.



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Let the Whole Creation Cry

1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry,
 2. All who strive to serve the Lord, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Men and wom - en, young and old,

"Glo - ry be to God on high!"
 Proph - ets burn - ing with God's word, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Raise the an - them man - i - fold,

Sun and moon, lift up your voice,
 Those to whom the arts be - long, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Join with chil - dren's songs of praise,

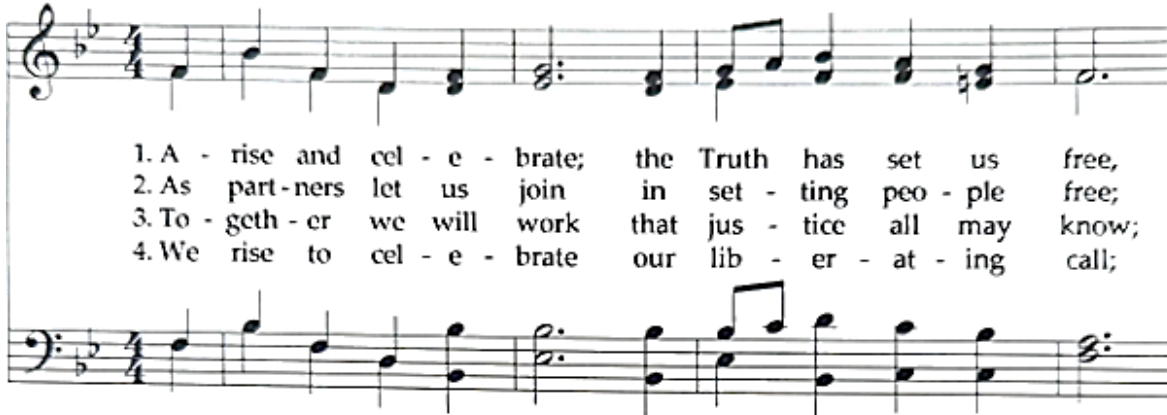
Night and stars, in God re - jice,
 Add your voic - es to the song, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wor - ship God through all your days,

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 Music: Robert Williams, 1817

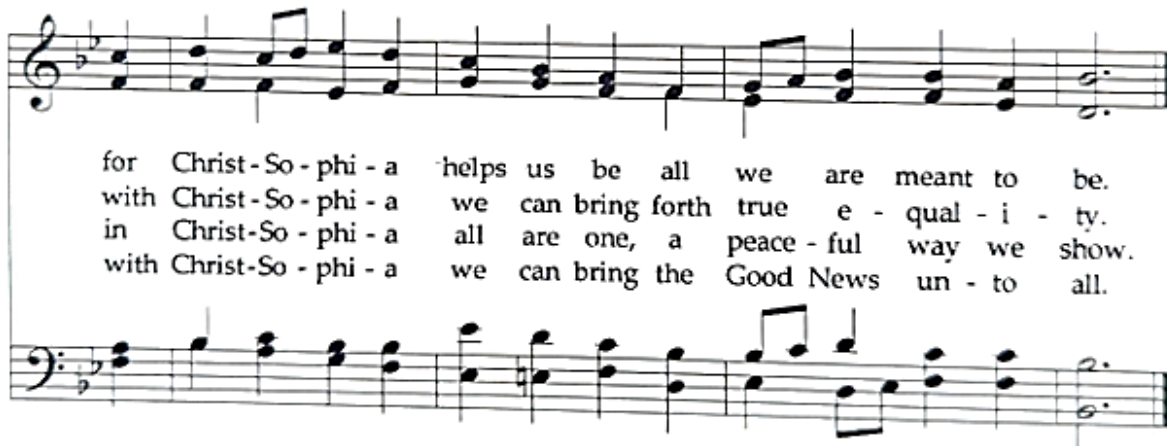
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Arise and Celebrate

John 8:32; Luke 4:18-19; Galatians 3:28



1. A - rise and cel - e - brate; the Truth has set us free,
2. As part - ners let us join in set - ting peo - ple free;
3. To - geth - er we will work that jus - tice all may know;
4. We rise to cel - e - brate our lib - er - at - ing call;



for Christ - So - phi - a helps us be all we are meant to be.
with Christ - So - phi - a we can bring forth true e - qual - i - ty.
in Christ - So - phi - a all are one, a peace - ful way we show.
with Christ - So - phi - a we can bring the Good News un - to all.

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Music: William Henry Walter
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FESTAL SONG
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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.

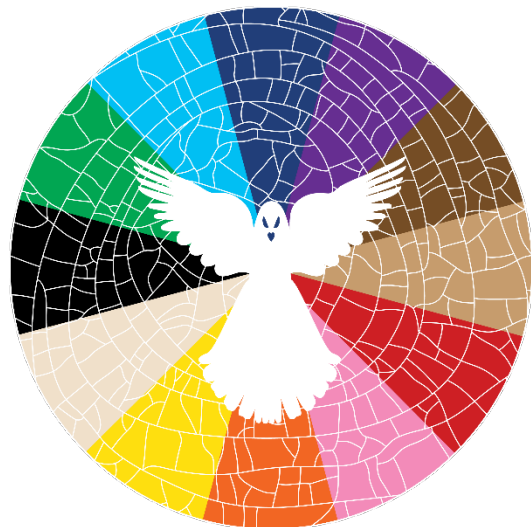
OUR MINISTERS

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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