

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 7th Sunday of Eastertide

May 12, 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

“God Hideth My Soul”

God hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
and hideth my life in the depths of pure love
and covers me there with strong hands.

Linda McKechnie, Piano
arr. McKechnie

Call to Worship and Invocation

J. Kevin Gray

*Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.

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Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

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

Mack Clark

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:21-28 (NRSV)

Joni Adams Emry

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.***

Song of Response (please remain seated for this hymn)

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see.
All the things that really matter.
Be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us cools the heat and slows the pace.
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

Sermon

Rev. J. Dana Trent

“Making All Things New”

Musical Reflection

“Beautiful Things”

J. Kevin Gray
Lisa & Michael Gungor

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all.
All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found,
could a garden come up from this ground at all.

You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.

All around hope is springing up from this old ground,
out of chaos life is being found in you.
You make me new; you are making me new.

Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

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. Dr. Ben Boswell

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

Chancel Choir

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

lyrics by Paula W. M. Testerman

*Prayer of Dedication

J. Kevin Gray

*Closing Hymn

“Hymn of Promise” stanzas 1 and 2

See page 7.

HYMN OF PROMISE

Benediction

Rev. J. Dana Trent

Postlude

“Hymn of Promise”

Linda McKechnie, piano
arr. Ferguson

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.



The flowers on the altar are given today by Carol Pearsall
in wonderful remembrance of
Lauretta Bombara Short, Ina Hemperley Short, and Vesta Slaughter Short.
They were all wonderful Moms who gave a huge part of their lives
helping make Myers Park Baptist meaningful!



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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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and how to get
involved.

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Hymn Of Promise

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Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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.

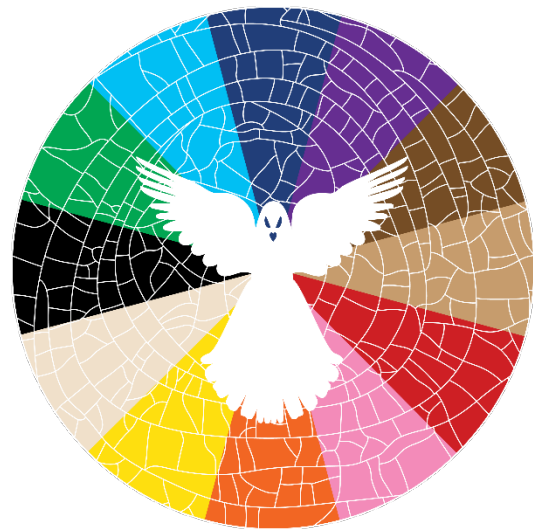
OUR MINISTERS

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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