



**The Worship of God**

## **Pentecost**

**May 19, 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**

“Liquid Spirit”

Carolina Social Music Club  
Gregory Porter

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Grant Kinghorn

**\*Song of Celebration**

“Holy Ghost Fire”

Holy Ghost fire, fire fall on me,  
Holy Ghost fire, fire fall on me.  
Just like the days of Pentecost, fire fall on me.  
Just like the days of Pentecost, fire fall on me.

Traditional African

Fire, fire, fire... fire fall on me.  
Fire, fire, fire... fire fall on me.  
On the day of Pentecost, the fire fall on me.  
On the day of Pentecost, the fire fall on me.

**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**

**New Testament Reading – Acts 2:1-18, 40-47 (NRSV)**

Allen Davis

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.’

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

See page 7.  
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**Sermon**

“Covered in Awe”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Musical Reflection**

“Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me”

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see,  
I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal,  
thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions,  
bold and meek for Christ my Savior speak.

Chancel Choir  
arr. K. Lee Scott

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see,  
I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear,  
thy life in mine appear; and, with actions sisterly,  
speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
separate from sin I would and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be give God who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would mighty be, help me now thy power to see,  
I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield,  
be thou my strength and shield; let thy word embolden be,  
Lord, thine the victory.

### Church at Prayer

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### Invitation to Offering

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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



### Offertory Solo

“Come Sunday”

Danielle Talamantes  
Duke Ellington arr. Henry Dehlinger

### \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**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.**

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### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

### \*Closing Song

“Revive Us Again”

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
for Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

Carolina Social Music Club  
REVIVE US AGAIN

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light  
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. *[Refrain]*

Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love.  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. *[Refrain]*

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Postlude**

“Liquid Spirit Reprise”

Carolina Social Music Club

Gregory Porter

*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, and volunteers.



Carolina Social Music Club:  
Dawn Anthony, vocals  
Greg Jarrell, saxophone  
Hazel McKinley, piano  
Lois Majors, bass  
Al Sergel, percussion



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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](mailto:mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org).

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## I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord;  
 2. I need thee ev-'ry hour, Stay thou near - by;  
 3. I need thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain;  
 4. I need thee ev-'ry hour, Teach me thy will;

No ten - der voice like thine Can peace af - ford.  
 Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r When thou art nigh.  
 Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.  
 And thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.

I need thee, O I need thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Text: Annie S. Hawkes, 1835-1918  
 Tune: NEED, 6 4 6 4 with refrain, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899



## 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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Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

*We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | [lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).*

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