

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

May 26, 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

“Consolation No. 3”

Claudio Olivera, piano  
F. Liszt

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### \*Opening Hymn

“Eternal God Transcending Time”

RESIGNATION

Eternal God transcending time, yet mindful of the fears.  
The hope, the questions raised for us by ever-changing years:  
so guide us through our pilgrim days that we may find a home  
where justice, truth and mercy meet fulfilled in your shalom.

Life-breathing God enlivening time awaking heart and tongue,  
inspiring prophets bringing hope consoling old and young:  
draw us to those denied your gifts by bias want or strife,  
convert our wills and form through us new channels of your life.

Great Triune God so bless the time entrusted to our care,  
that all our varied ministries may form a common prayer;  
then when time ceases bring us where divisions are undone  
that in your presence joined in praise at last we may be one.

### 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

### Hebrew Scripture – 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (NRSV)

Anna-Catherine Fowler

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

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

“Crown Him With Many Crowns ”

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of Love! Behold his hands and side—  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his wond’ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of Peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Speak the Truth”

### Musical Reflection

J. Kevin Gray  
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“Truth”

We all know what to do,  
but have we got the courage to see it through.  
God has given us truth, through Jesus and the  
prophets, what more could God do.  
How many different ways does it need to be said,  
until it reaches our hearts from the brains in our head.

Don't you want to know the truth,  
then open your heart to what love can do.  
God's calling you to live out the truth, in the world.  
Don't argue small points while people die,  
living lives without hope, no tears left to cry,  
speak the truth and set them free,  
free to live in harmony,  
with the love God calls us to be, that love is the truth!

Jesus came to define that compassion  
and justice are what makes us divine.  
When we can be these things,  
then we reflect the light of God and the whole world can sing,  
that Hallelujah that rises from the depths of our souls,  
just let it fly from your lips, there no need to control.  
Hallelujah, we know the truth. Hallelujah, love and justice are the truth.

### Church at Prayer

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

### Invitation to Offering

*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 Anthem

“At the Table of the Lord”

At the table of the Lord bread is broken.  
At the table of the Lord, we are fed.  
We remember now the words that Christ has spoken:  
“This is my body,” he said.

At the table of the Lord in thanksgiving,  
we have come to drink the wine which is poured.  
We remember him, who died for us, now living.  
We remember Christ, our Lord.

At the table of the Lord, we are meeting.  
In communion we are many in one.  
For whenever we are gathered,  
there our Lord will be, there our Lord will be.  
At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord,  
at the table of the Lord, we shall be free.

Chancel Choir  
Jay Althouse

### \*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. Tara Gibbs

**Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell and Rev. Tara Gibbs

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

*All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to one of the stations at the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or pre-packaged, gluten-free elements. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and a Deacon will assist you.*

**Music During Communion**

Claudio Olivera, piano

**\*Closing Hymn**

"One Bread, One Body"

*See page 7.*  
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**Postlude**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"


Claudio Olivera, piano  
*arr. Marilyn White*

***Following worship, please join us for  
Sermon TalkBack at 11:15a in the Sanctuary.***

***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](mailto:mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org).

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# One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain



free, wom - an or man, no more.  
works, one in the Lord of all.  
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

## 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**

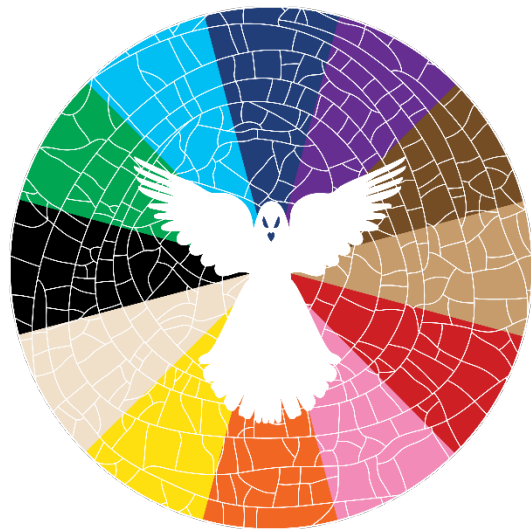
Executive Minister

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**J. Kevin Gray**

Minister of Music & Worship



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*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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