

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

June 2, 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

“Praeludium in G”

Jane Cain, organ  
Felix Mendelssohn

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

### \*Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise ”

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

### Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Tara Gibbs

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 15:34-16:13 (NRSV)

Deborah Steiner

Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the

sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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.**

### \*Sermon Hymn

“O God of All the Nations”

O God of all the nations, your ancient prophets saw  
that kings and institutions are not above the law.  
Integrity is precious, and truth will one day stand;  
your way is peace and justice, and love is your command.

O God, when times are troubled, when lies are seen as truth,  
when power-hungry people draw praise and not reproof,  
when greed is seen as greatness, when justice is abused,  
we pray that those who lead us will know what they must choose.

ST. THEODULPH  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

### Sermon

“See the Heart”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### Church at Prayer

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.**

### Invitation to Offering

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*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

“God is My Strong Salvation”

Chancel Choir  
arr. Austin Lovelace

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?  
In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.  
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;  
what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;  
God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.  
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;  
mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace

## \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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**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.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

## \*Closing Hymn

“Draw the Circle Wide”

words: Gordon Light, music: J. Kevin Gray

Chorus:

**Draw the circle wide, my friends. Draw it wider still.**  
**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,**  
**when we're side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Solo:

God the still point of the circle, round whom all creation turns,  
nothing lost, but held together in God's gracious arms.

Chorus:

**Draw the circle wide, my friends. Draw it wider still.**  
**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,**  
**when we're side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Draw the cir - cle wide, my friends. Draw it wi - der still.

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Let this be our song no one stands a-lone, when we're side by side, draw the cir - cle wide.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the chorus, with lyrics 'Draw the cir - cle wide, my friends. Draw it wi - der still.' The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5' and then continues the melody for the second line of the chorus, with lyrics 'Let this be our song no one stands a-lone, when we're side by side, draw the cir - cle wide.' The notation includes various note values, rests, and a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

## Postlude

“Finale, Symphony II”


Jane Cain, organ  
Charles-Marie Widor

***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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## 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.

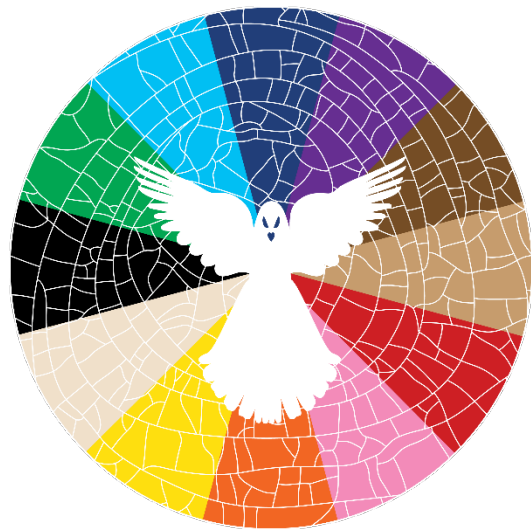
### OUR MINISTERS

**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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