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The Worship of God
The 3rd Sunday of Pentecost
Gun Violence Awareness Sunday

June 9, 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.

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

“It is Well With My Soul”

Randy Price, piano
arr. Randy Price

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*Opening Hymn

“Down By the Riverside”

SPIRITUAL

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more.

Refrain:

I ain't a gonna study war no more, I ain't a gonna study war no more,
I ain't a gonna study war no more, I ain't a gonna study war no more,
I ain't a gonna study war no more, I ain't a gonna study war no more.

I'm gonna lay down my burden,
riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
I'm gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more. [Refrain]

I'm gonna turn guns to garden tools,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
I'm gonna turn guns to garden tools,
down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more. [Refrain]

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Katie Suddeth

*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

**During Passing of the Peace, 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.**

Moment for Gun Violence Awareness

Grace McLain and Scarlett Hollingsworth,
Moms Demand Action, North Carolina Chapter Leaders

Hebrew Scripture – 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (NRSV adapted)

Rev. Robert Jones

Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies
because I rejoice in your victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly;
let not arrogance come from your mouth,
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by God actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
brings low; and also exalts.
God raises up the poor from the dust;
and lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s,
and on them God has set the world.
God will guard the feet of the faithful ones,
but the wicked will perish in darkness,
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! God’s adversaries will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
and will give strength to the king
and exalt the power of the anointed.”

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.

Musical Reflection

“Life After Life”

Mark and Maggie O’Connor
Lyrics by Joel Henry & Music by Mark O’Connor

Sermon

“Breaking the Bows”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

A Song of Hope and Faith

“Preach”

Emil Foster, soloist
J. Stephens, G. Kurtsin & S. Aarons

Church at Prayer

Rev. Katie Suddeth

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.

Lighting Candles of Remembrance

*During the instrumental music, if you feel led, come forward and light a candle.
The light emanating from each candle represents both a community
that has experienced a mass shooting or gun violence this year,
and a call to action, reminding us to be the light that shines darkness on this issue.*

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

“Deep River”

Mark and Maggie O’Connor
SPIRITUAL

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*Closing Song

“Come, Gather Now in Circles”

See page 7.
GO TELL IT

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Choral Benediction

“I Believe”

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don’t feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Chancel Choir with McKenzie Coleman, soloist
Mark Miller

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Randy Price, piano
arr. Randy Price

**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.**

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Christa A. Overcash and in loving memory of Reece A. Overcash, Jr.
by Belvie and Kay Jenkins, the Alice Jenkins Cookson family, and the Carter Jenkins family



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
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Come, Gather Now in Circles

Proverbs 1:20-23, 3:17, 8:1-23; Wisdom 7:27

Unison

Come, gath-er now in cir - cles; gath-er the peo-ple ev - ery - where;

come, gath - er now in cir - cles, So - phi - a's peace to share.

Fine

Harmony

1. So - phi - a Wis-dom preach-es Her truth from age to age; She
2. How long must Wis-dom cry out be - fore in - jus - tice fails? Though
3. So - phi - a Wis-dom calls us to join Her work of peace, to

sends Her ur - gent mes-sage through proph - et and through sage.
scoffed and scorned She la - bors till lov - ing care pre - vails.
fol - low paths of jus - tice, Her right - eous-ness in - crease.

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Music: African-American spiritual
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GOTELL IT
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Sophia is considered the feminine personification of Divine Wisdom and is often associated with the Holy Spirit.

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

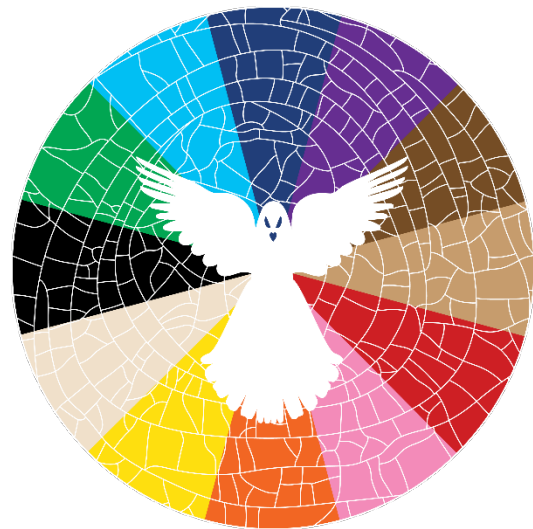
Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship



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