

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 12th Sunday of Pentecost

August 11, 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 birth – kindergarten in room 107 located in the Education Building (behind the Sanctuary). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Prelude

“We All Believe in One True God”

Jane Cain, organ
arr. J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

***Opening Hymn**

“Here We Gather as God’s People”

God, we gather as your people with our friends from far and near.
Let our voices sound with praises, knowing you have called us here.
Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends.
Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

God of grace and God of glory teach our hearts to sing your praise.
For we find in you forgiveness, for each step and word misplaced.
Called to be your faithful people, help us be your voice of love,
showing mercy, helping justice, as we look to you above.

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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**

Epistle Reading – Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16, 25-32

Carla Hines

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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.***

***Sermon Hymn**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

See page 7.

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Sermon

“Surrender Bitterness”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Musical Reflection

J. Kevin Gray

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. Marina Luckhoo

*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

“Et Misericordia” from Magnificat

Et misericordia a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.

And mercy continues from generation to generation for those who honor God.

Madeline Beitel & David Young

J. S. Bach

***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. Marina Luckhoo

***Closing Hymn**

“God, Teach Us Peacemaking”

SLANE

God, teach us peace-making, justice, and love.
Blessed by Christ’s teaching, we’re lifted above,
all thought of vengeance or envy or hate.
Help us, your children, shalom to create.

God, teach us peace-making, in church and home,
in school and hall, beneath Capitol dome,
in shop and industry, city and farm;
show us the pathways that cause no one harm.

God, teach us peace-making in every role.
In each relationship make peace our goal.
Yet give us insight that keeps us aware,
justice and mercy in balance to share.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“Two Chorale Preludes”

Jane Cain, organ
arr. Ernst Pepping

***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 celebration of the life of Caroline Wilson Tate Noojin.*



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.



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In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
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bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
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one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: CM; Galatians 3:28; John Oxenham, 1852-1941. Music: Spiritual; adapted by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949.

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

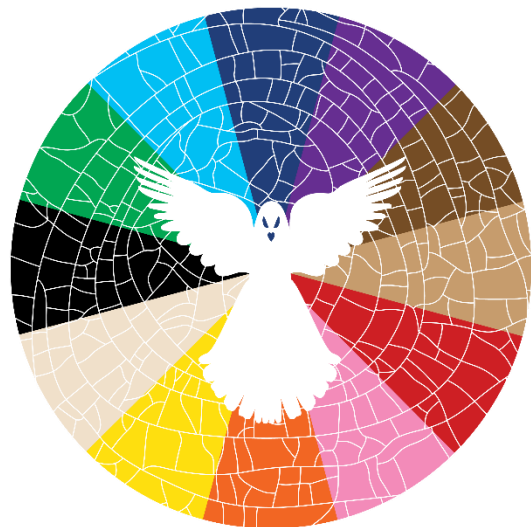
Rev. Carrie Veal
Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs
Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship

Rev. Katie Suddeth
Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo
Interim Associate Minister



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