

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

August 25, 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**

“Sonata op. 13 Pathetique” from *Il. Adagio Cantabile*

Claudio Olivera, piano  
L.V. Beethoven

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Tara Gibbs

**\*Opening Hymn**

“God is Here” verses 1, 2, and 4

See page 6.  
ABBOT’S LEIGH

**Welcome of Our Guests**

J. Kevin Gray

*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 – Exodus 14:10-16 (NRSV)**

Gary Hudson

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

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.**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**\*Sermon Hymn**

“I’m Going to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

SPIRITUAL

Verses

I'm going to sing when the Spir- it says sing, I'm going to  
 I'm going to move when God says move, I'm going to  
 I'm going to go where God says go, I'm going to

sing when the Spir-it says sing, I'm going to sing when the  
 move when God says move, I'm going to move when  
 go where God says go, I'm going to go where

Spir- it says sing, and o- bey the Spir- it of the  
 God says move and o- bey the word of the  
 God says go and o- bey the word of the

Lord!

**Sermon**

“Go Where God Is”

Rev. Tara Gibbs

**Church at Prayer**

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

**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  
 or drop your offering in the plate.



## Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Psalm 139”

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do.  
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day.  
Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?  
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there, you are there.

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do.  
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day.  
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.  
See if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

## \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

## \*Closing Hymn

“Go Forth for God” verses 1, 2, and 4

See page 7.

GENEVA 124

## Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs

## Postlude

“Un Sospiro” from *Etude de Concert N.3*

Claudio Olivera, piano

F. Liszt

**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.



We are affiliated with [allianceofbaptists.org](http://allianceofbaptists.org)  Alliance  
of Baptists



### 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).



**WE'RE  
GLAD YOU  
ARE HERE**

---

Connect with us  
in one easy step.

Learn more about us  
and how to get  
involved.

Just point the camera  
on your phone at the  
QR Code to access  
the items listed here.



- EVENTS
- GUESTS
- GIVE
- PRAY
- WEBSITE

**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Verses 1, 2, and 4

# God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the  
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in  
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it  
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

ABBOT's LEIGH

# Go Forth for God

F C F B $\flat$  F C Dm B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$  Am  
D C

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good  
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the  
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the  
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F C  $\frac{F}{A}$  C F Dm  $\frac{Bdim}{D}$  C Dm

cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it  
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;  
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one  
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

$\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  A  $\frac{F}{A}$  C B $\flat$  F C F  $\frac{F}{A}$  Gsus G

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to  
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we  
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his  
 ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

C F C Dm A Dm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$  Csus C F

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.  
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.  
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.  
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

## 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

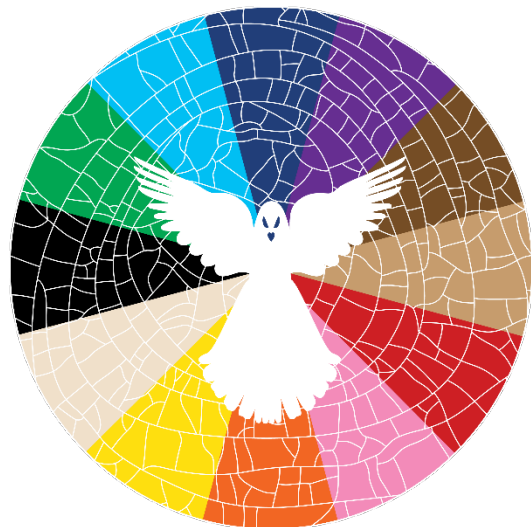
**Rev. Carrie Veal**  
Executive Minister

**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



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

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).*

One License A-729324 | WorshipCast License CCS # WC-12779 | CVLI Video License #504 239 870