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The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Women's History Month

March 30, 2025 | 10:00a



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

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 the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on upstairs level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Reflection

Be the living expression of God's kindness:
kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. – Mother Teresa

Prelude

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Johannes Brahms

Call to Worship

J. Kevin Gray

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

People: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Leader: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

**People: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person,
even people we do not know or care about.**

Invocation

J. Kevin Gray

*Opening Hymn

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Verses 1, 2, and 4

See page 6.
RESTORATION

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*



*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

A Time for Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have acted in ways
that have separated us from each other, from your creation,
and from the paths that you desire for us.
We have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
While our actions may have caused rifts between us,
there is nothing we can do that can separate us from your love.
Have mercy upon us, O God.
Forgive our lack of faith, restore our joy, and revive our spirits. Amen.

Song of Prayer

“Hear Our Prayer O Lord”

AFTER PRAYER

Music score for the song "Hear Our Prayer O Lord". The score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the soprano part. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The score includes chord markings: D, A, A7, D, D7, G, Em, D, A, D.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Shaina Bailey, Director of Children’s Ministries, and leaders. Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11-11:15. For those staying through Spiritual Growth, please pick up children in the childcare room at noon.

*Sermon Hymn

“Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture”

See page 7.

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Sermon

“Let God Find You”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Musical Reflection

“You Will Be Found” from *Dear Evan Hansen*

Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?
Well, let that lonely feeling wash away.
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay,
'cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand,
you can reach, reach out your hand,
and oh, someone will come running and I know,
they'll take you home.
Even when the dark comes crashing through,
when you need a friend to carry you,
and when you're broken on the ground, you will be found.
So let the sun come streaming in,
'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.
Lift your head and look around, you will be found.

J. Kevin Gray
Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

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

Ellen Caldwell, Deacon

*You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or
dropping your offering in the plate.*



Offertory Anthem

“O God, Who Reigns in Heav’n Above”
O God, who reigns in heav’n above,
we pledge our souls in steadfast love.
To thee our voices now we raise, with joy,
with joyful hearts we e’er sing thy highest praise.
Our voices raised this hour, proclaim God's love and mighty pow’r.
Thy spirit inside us be, forever will we follow thee.

Chancel Choir
William Byrd; arr. Walter Ehret

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Ellen Caldwell, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

“Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture”

Like a shepherd, Lord, you know us and the songs our spirits sing.
You accept us and you love us — and you know the gifts we bring.
With our singing, with our voices, with our hearts, may we express:
Shepherd, by your love you find us — we are yours, and we are blessed!

Shepherd, by your love you find us, then you send us out in turn
to seek out all your beloved and to bring the wounded home.
As we lead and help each other, as we advocate and pray,
may we shepherd one another on your faithful, loving Way.

HYMN TO JOY
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Postlude

“O Day of Peace”

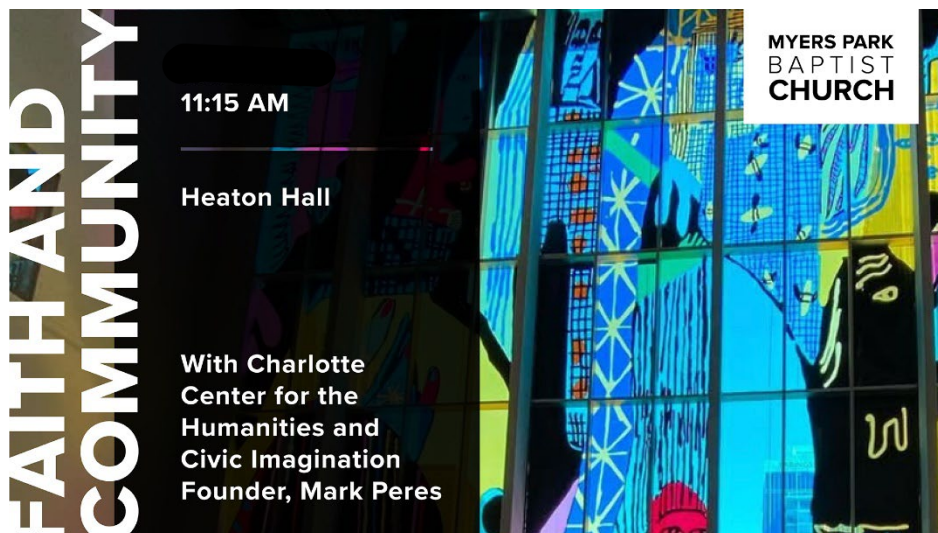
Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Charles Callahan

*If you are our guest today, please connect with a
minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.*

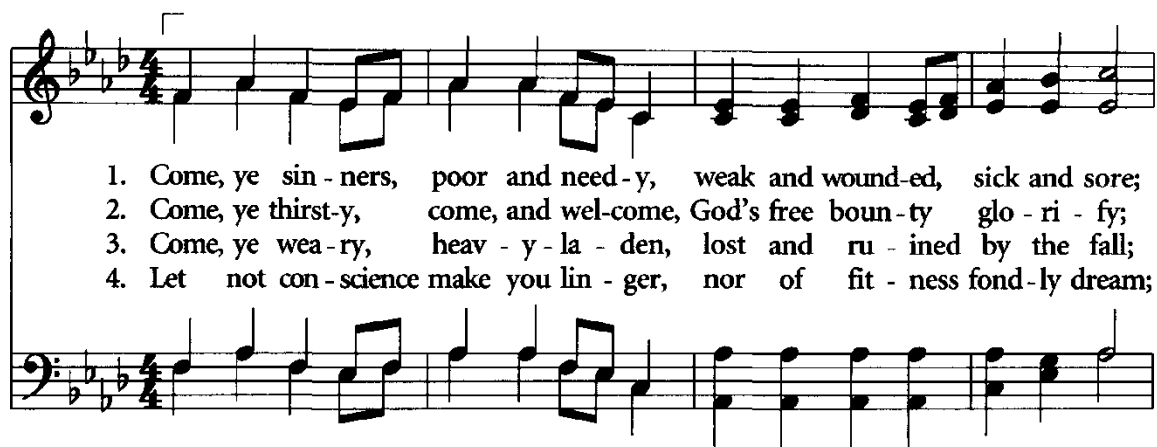


HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

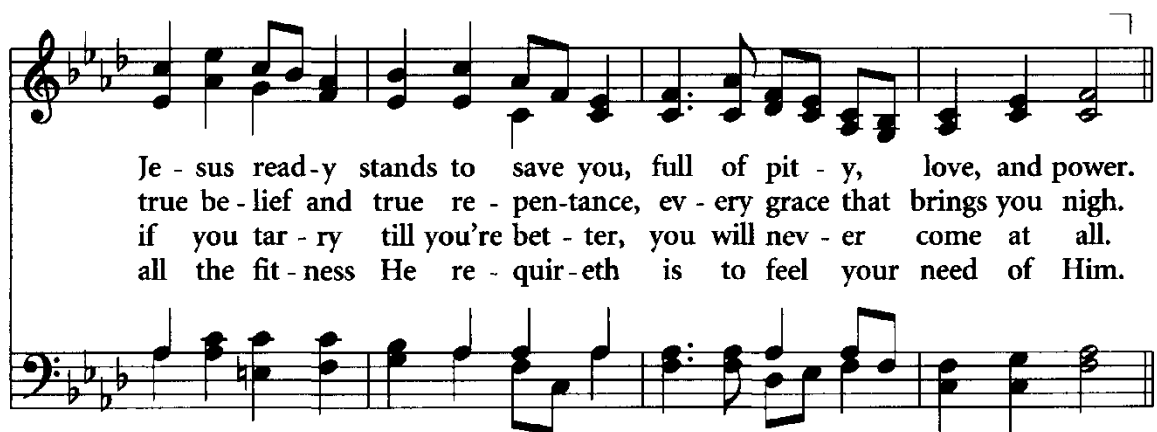
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Dr. Layne Smith at lsmith@myersparkbaptist.org



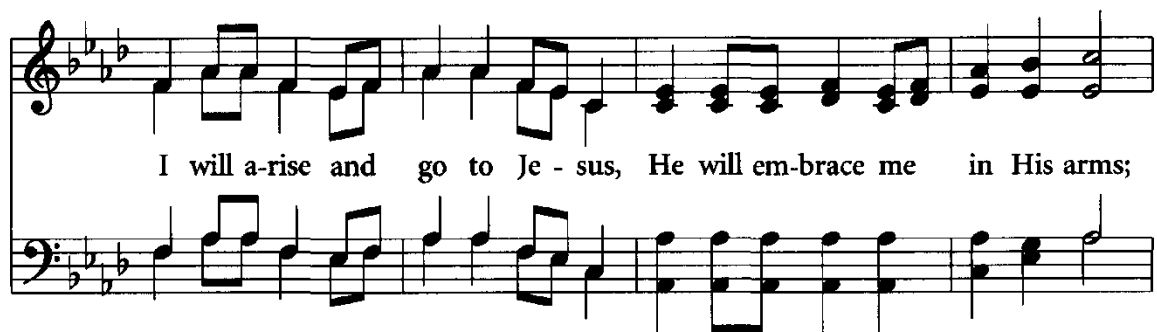
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



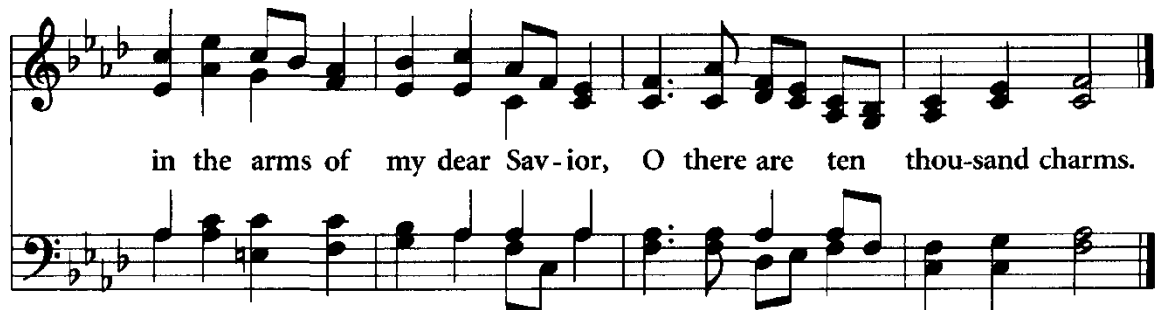
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

WORDS: Joseph Hart (stanzas), 1759; Anonymous (refrain)
MUSIC: William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION
8.7.8.7 with refrain

Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

AUSTRIAN HYMN



Once a sheep was in a pas - ture with the o - ther nine - ty - nine.
Shep - herd, some - times we face trou - ble, far from o - thers, far from_ you.

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Their good shep - herd loved those hun - dred, and he told them, you are_ mine
There are dif - ferent ways we strug - gle, dif - ferent things that we can_ do.

9



As the hun dred grazed to - ge - ther, for some rea - son yet un - told,
There are times_ we're prone to wan - der; there are times we're pushed a - way.

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one found she_ was se - pe - ra - ted from the_ shep - herd, from the_ fold.
Shep - herd, by_ your love you find_ us, then in joy_ you_ ce - le - brate.

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. Layne Smith
Interim Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal
Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo
Interim Associate Minister

J. Kevin Gray
Minister of Music & Worship



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