

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

June 1, 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 main level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

“Voluntary on Ar hyd e nos”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

J. Kevin Gray

Leader: Gentle,

People: yet powerful;

Leader: lowly,

People: yet almighty.

Leader: O God, guide us in your power, strengthening us in your greatness,

People: lift us up that we might aspire to greater dreams, Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

See page 5.

LOBE DEN HERREN

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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

A Moment of Centering

J. Kevin Gray

Psalms 130:5 and Romans 8:6

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior.

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.

**People: Come and find the quiet center,
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.**

BEACH SPRING

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Genesis 28:10-29:1 (NRSV)

Nancy Culp, Deacon

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So, Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.” Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east.

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

See page 6.

“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”

WOLFE

Sermon

“The God of Jacob”

Rev. Dr. Josh Hunt

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

Scott Crowder, Deacon

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



Offertory Anthem

"Jacob's Ladder"

Chancel Choir
Arr. Simon Lindley

As Jacob with travel was weary one day, at night on a stone- for a pillow he lay.
He saw in a vision a ladder so high, that its foot was on earth, and its top in the sky.

Refrain:

*Alleluia to Jesus who died on the tree, and hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me,
and hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me.*

This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made, has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed.

Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill, and thousands by faith are climbing it still. [Refrain]

Come, let us ascend, all may climb it who will, for the angels of Jacob are guarding it still.

And remember each step that by faith we pass o'er, some prophet or martyr hath trod it before. [Refrain]

And when we arrive at the haven of rest, we shall hear the glad words,

"Come up hither, ye blest, here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss."

O, who would not climb such a ladder as this? [Refrain]

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Scott Crowder, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

See page 7.
SICILIAN MARINERS

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Josh Hunt

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune on Lobe den Herren"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Walter Webber

*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 and Eric Roberts.



HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

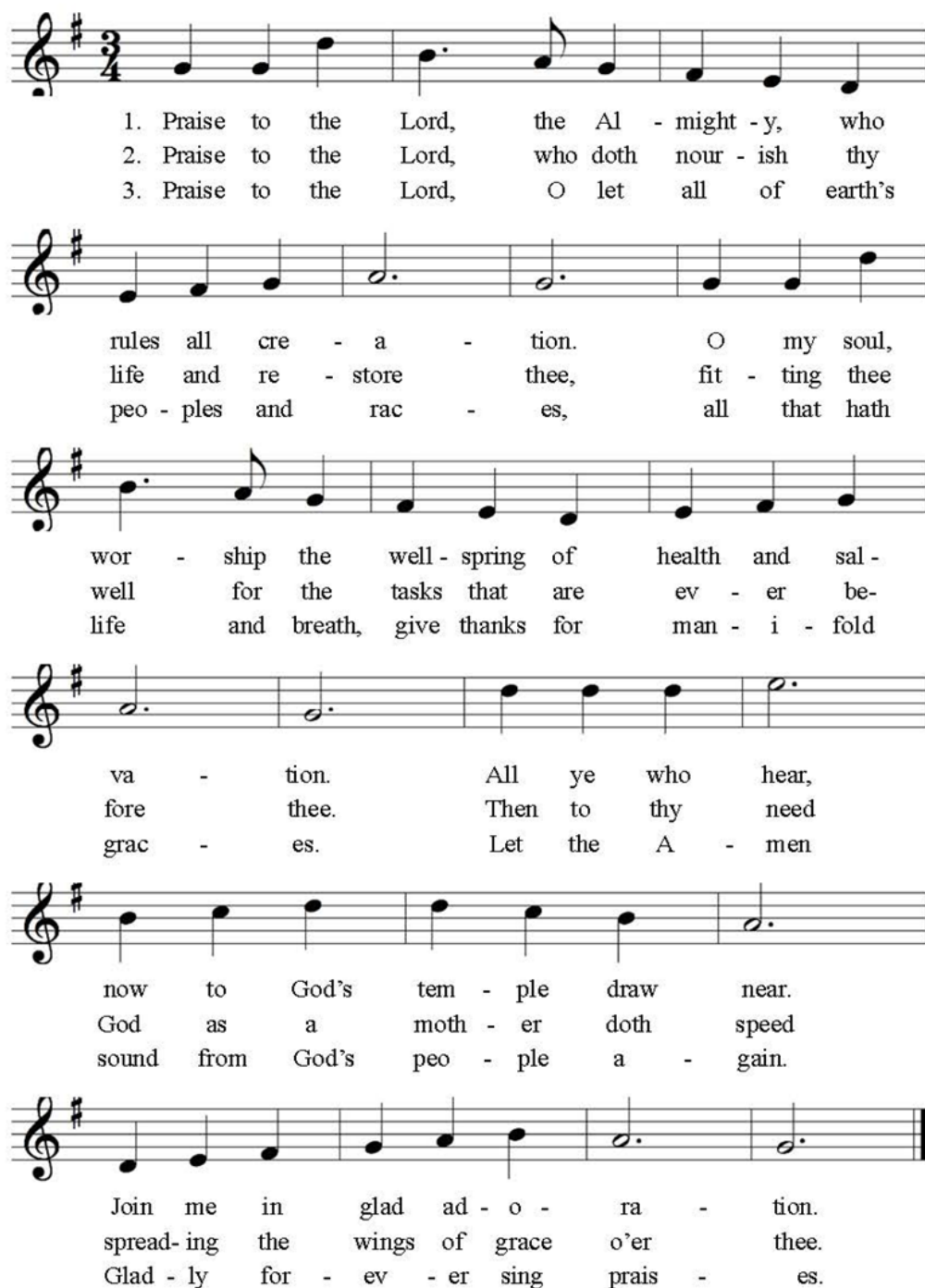
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple
as filling out a joining card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina
Luckhoo at mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.



PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who
 2. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy
 3. Praise to the Lord, O let all of earth's

rules all cre - a - tion. O my soul,
 life and re - store thee, fit - ting thee
 peo - ples and rac - es, all that hath

wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -
 well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

va - tion. All ye who hear,
 fore thee. Then to thy need
 grac - es. Let the A - men

now to God's tem - ple draw near.
 God as a moth - er doth speed
 sound from God's peo - ple a - gain.

Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel Gods might-y pow-er and Gods grace. _____

I can hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

WORDS: Lanny Wolfe, 1977

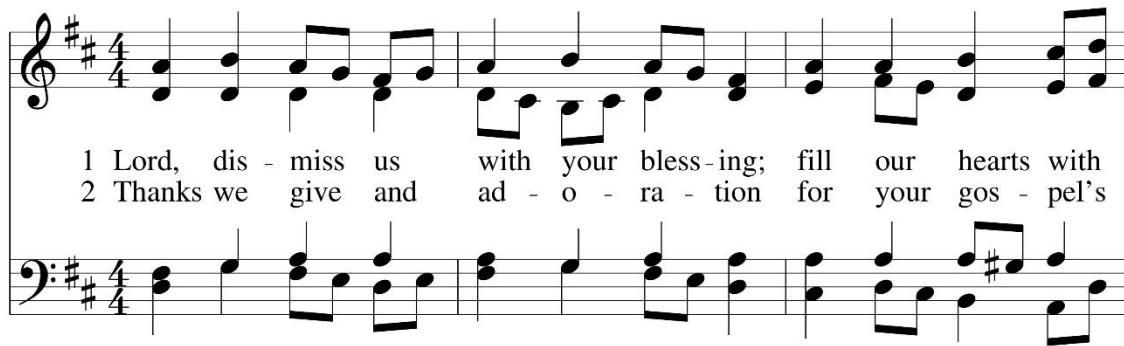
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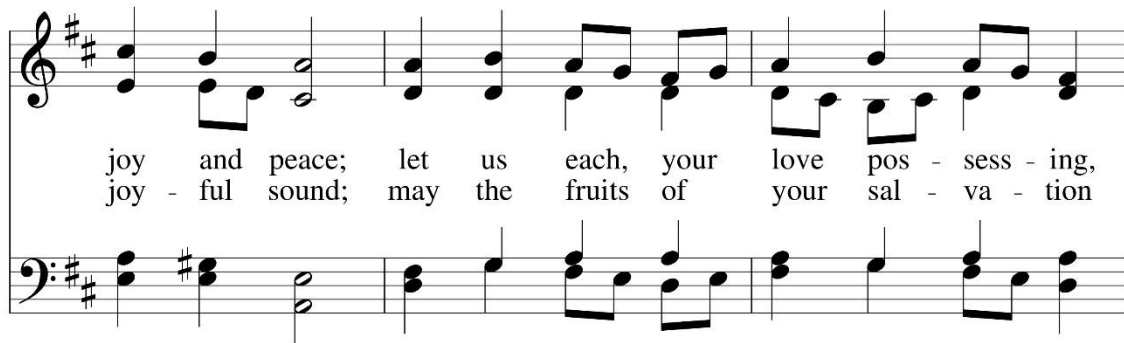
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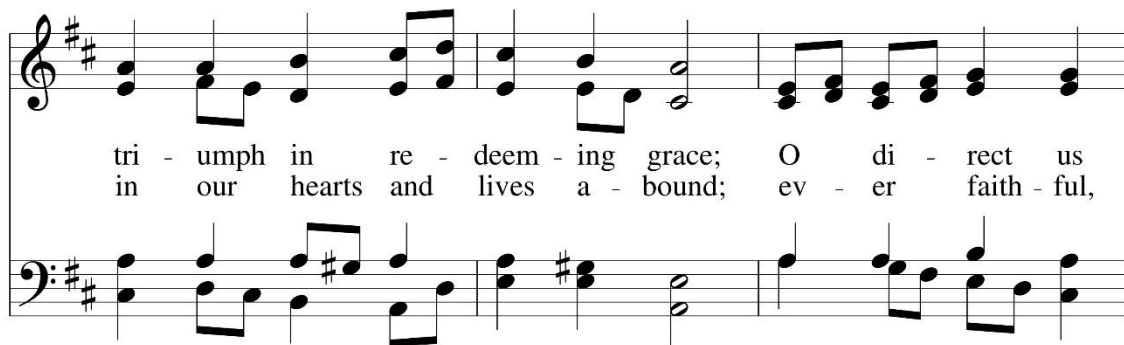
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



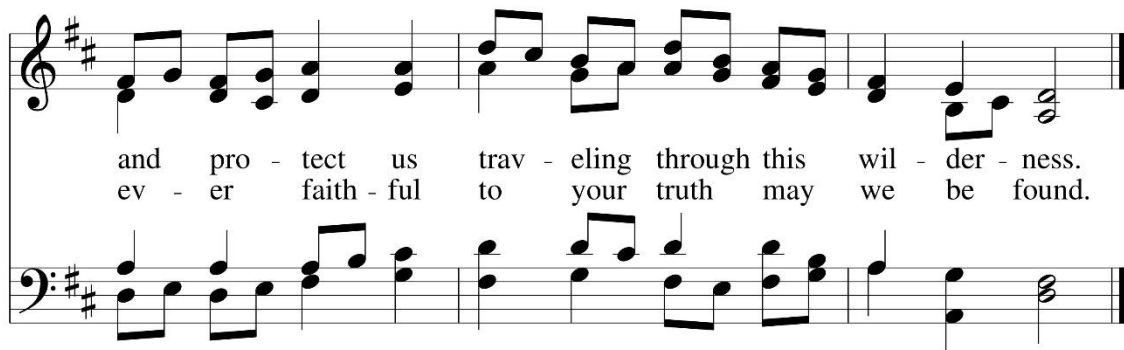
1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace; O di - rect us
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,



and pro - tect us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett (1740-1817)
MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th c.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3

Sage-ing Lunch 12:00p-1:30p
With Speaker Chris Hudson
Heaton Hall

June 8

Faith and Community Forum 11:15a-12:15p
With Speaker Beth Maczka
Heaton Hall

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.