



The Worship of God
Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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

“Prelude on Engelberg”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Al Travis

Call to Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, Come!

People: Renew our lives, inside and out.

Leader: With fire and wind, come to this place;

People: gather us in, send us out.

Sung Invocation

“Veni, Creator Spiritus”

J. Kevin Gray
Rabanus Maurus

Veni, Creátor Spíritus,
Mentes tuórum vísita,
Imple supérna grátia
Quae tu creásti péctora.
Amen.

Creator Spirit, Lord of grace,
Come, make in us your dwelling place!
O purest Light, in darkness shine;
fill loveless hearts, O Love divine!
Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“Speak Your Love”

MENDELSSOHN
words by Brenton Prigge

If the old now dream your dreams,
and the young your visions see,
come then, Spirit, make us bold,
that these wonders may be told:
Holy Fire, come and renew,
change us to bring change for you.
Heal our land, transform the world,
flood our hearts and make us bold.
May we now, both old and young,
speak your love in every tongue.

Body: one! in Spirit: one!
Build your Body, make us strong.
One in Christ to serve the One;
Send us out - Your will be done.
God of Love, come and renew –
change us to bring change for You.
Heal our land, transform the world,
flood our hearts and make us bold.
May we now, both old and young,
speak your love in every tongue.

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

A Moment of Centering

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD





Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there and they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole Earth.”

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.”

So, the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore, it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the Earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the Earth.

Musical Reflection

“Come Down, Oh Love Divine”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Robert Hobby

New Testament Scripture Reading – Acts 2:1-18 (NRSV)

Anna Catherine- Fowler, Deacon



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, “Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.’”

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

“Holy Wisdom”

Who comes from God, as word and breath? Holy Wisdom.
 Who holds the keys of life and death? Mighty Wisdom.
 Crafter and creator too, Eldest, she makes all things new.
 Wisdom guides what God will do,
 wisest one, radiant one, welcome, Holy Wisdom.

Whom should we seek with all our heart? Loving Wisdom.
 Who, once revealed, will not depart? Faithful Wisdom.
 Partner, counselor, comforter, love has found none lovelier.
 Life is gladness lived with her, Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, Holy Wisdom.

Chancel Choir
 SALVE REGINA COELITUM

Sermon

“Newness and Truthfulness or Sinful Security?”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

*Song of Response

“There is a Longing in Our Hearts” verses 1 and 3

LONGING

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,	
2. For wis - dom,	
3. For heal - ing,	
4. Lord save us,	



1. for free - dom,	for mer - cy:	hear our prayer.	In
2. for cour - age,	for com - fort:	hear our prayer.	In
3. for whole - ness,	for new life:	hear our prayer.	In
4. take pit - y,	light in our dark - ness.		We



to Refrain



1. sor - row,	in grief:	} be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. weak - ness,	in fear:	
3. sick - ness,	in death:	
4. call you,	we wait:	

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

Mike Bowen, Deacon

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir
Mark Miller

“Come, Dove of Heaven”

Come, Dove of heaven, Breath of peace,
sing through us, we pray.
Come, Dove of heaven, Breath of peace,
sing through us, sing through us today.
Come, Light Creator, Source of peace,
shine on us, we pray.
Come, Light Creator, Source of peace,
shine on us, today.

Breathe, Source and Word, come,
God of peace, make us new, we pray.
Breathe, Source and Word, come,
God of peace, make us new, today.

Come, Love incarnate Word of peace,
dwell in us we pray.
Come, Love incarnate Word of peace,
dwell in us today.

***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**

Mike Bowen, Deacon

***Closing Hymn**

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” verses 1, 3 and 4

See pages 10 and 11.
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Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Benediction

Postlude

“Final from Symphonie I”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Louis Vierne

**Please remain seated until after the postlude.*



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.



At Myers Park Baptist Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented. Be assured that MPBC holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.

The Pentecost by Cornelius Cort 1530-1578



The example in the narthex is most likely from a 1602 edition.

From the private collection of J. Kevin Gray.

Brief description:

Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4); above the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove appears through a gap in clouds surrounded by angels. Beneath in a room the Virgin and the apostles look up in awe.

Background: This engraving was made after an altar painting by Georgio Vasari. Cosimo de' Medici ordered the extensive renovation of the two principal monastic churches in Florence: Santa Maria Novella and Santa Croce. Vasari's Pentecost (1568) was the first altarpiece in the latter project. Cornelius Cort, himself briefly active at Cosimo's court in 1569-70, later engraved the composition in Rome.

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.



FAITH AND COMMUNITY

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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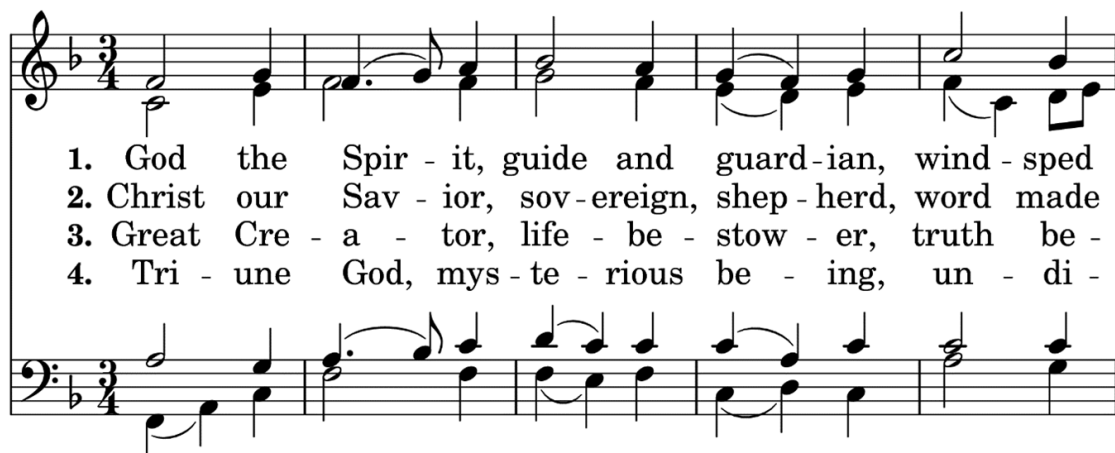
Heaton Hall

**Guest Speaker:
Beth Maczka**

**“Discovering the
Real Mary Magdalene:
Her Importance Now”**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL



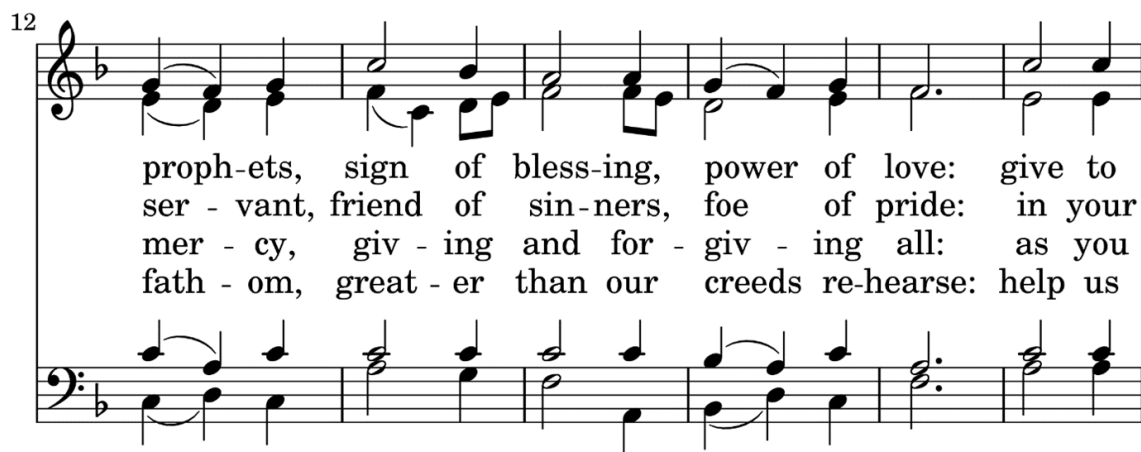
1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard-ian, wind - sped
 2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov-ereign, shep - herd, word made
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
 4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

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flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of
 flesh, love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fer - ing
 yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of
 vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can

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proph-ets, sign of bless-ing, power of love: give to
 ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: in your
 mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: as you
 fath - om, great - er than our creeds re-hearse: help us

*When appropriate, "ministers" may be substituted for "pastors."

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those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing
 tend - ing may all pas - tors* learn and live a
 know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the
 in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

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of your grace; send them forth as bold a -
 shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age and com -
 church ex - alts o - ver - see her life stead -
 to pro - claim, that our min - is - tries u -

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pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
 pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
 fast - ly yet not o - ver - look her faults.
 nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

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 22
Congregational Lunch and
Transitional Meeting 11:15a-1:00p
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.