

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday

July 20, 2025
10:00am



**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

“Etude Op.25 N. 1 Aeolian Harp”

Claudio Olivera, Piano
F. Chopin

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in worship to prepare ourselves for God’s vision.

People: Let us leave behind what hinders us and look forward to what is to come.

Leader: Our faith is the bridge where we meet God.

People: Let us walk with courage and hope; excitement and anticipation.

May we receive the visions that come from God and live them out with fearless love.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

“God is Here!” stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Number 365
ABBOT’S LEIGH

Welcome of Our Guests

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

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith



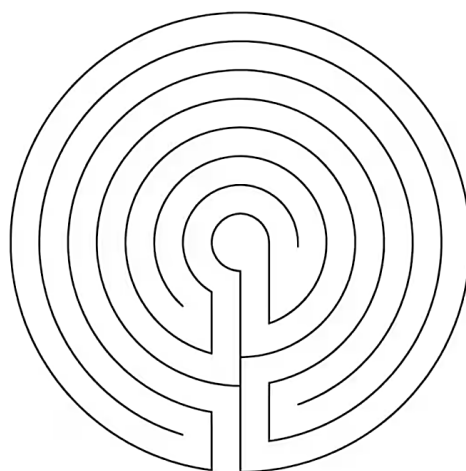
*Passing of the Peace

A Moment of Centering

Psalms 130:5 and Romans 8:6

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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.



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

Gospel Reading – Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)

Kathryn Long, congregant

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed — indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***Sermon Song**

"Wait on the Lord"

TAIZE

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Sermon

"Finding the Right Rythm"

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

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

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



Amy Johnson, Deacon

Offertory Anthem

“Sicut Cervus”

Latin:

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

English Translation:

*As the deer longs for flowing streams,
so, my soul longs for you, O God.*

Choral Quartet
Giovanni Palestrina

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Amy Johnson, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

“Loving Creator”

See page 7
HALAD

A Word from the Transition Team

Carla Hines, Transition Team Member

Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

“Excerpt from Chaconne from Violin Partita No. 2 (BWV 1004)”

Claudio Olivera, Piano
J.S. Bach

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.

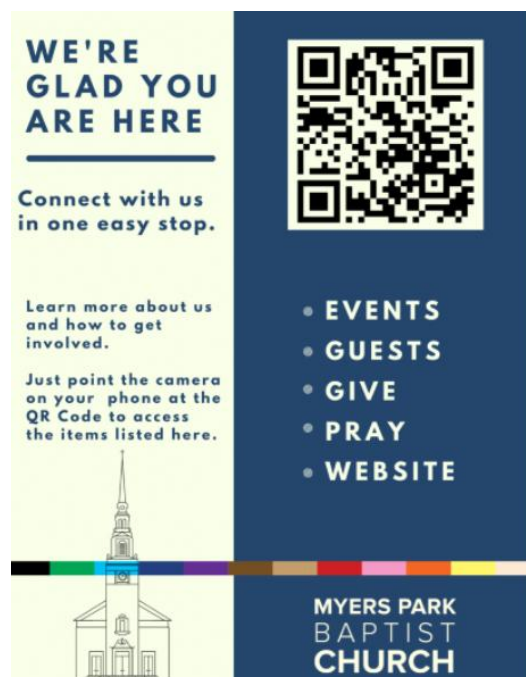


At Myers Park Baptist Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented. Be assured that MPBC holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.



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



Blooms of Kindness Flower Arranging Event

Tuesday, July 22 | 10:30-11:30a

Heaton Hall

Join Jill Kinney and Cathryn Rivers to create beautiful flower arrangements for fellow church members. Containers will be provided, feel free to bring garden flowers and greenery.



Unwind With Us at a Summer Hangout

Wednesday, July 30 | 5:30- 7p

Suffolk Punch, SouthPark Mall

This casual gathering is all about good vibes and good company. Whether you're coming to catch up with old friends or to meet someone new, you're welcome just as you are. We'll have appetizers to share, and you're welcome to purchase additional food and drinks at your leisure.





LOVING CREATOR

PHILIPPINES

HALAD

Gently *Em*

1. Lov - ing Cre - a - tor, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
2. Je - sus Re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and

B7 *Em* *Am*

bles - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -

Em *B7* *Em*

nite us— Lov - ing Cre - a - tor, par - ent and God.
mor - row— Je - sus Re - deem - er, our friend and Lord.

Em

3. Spir - it de - scend - ing, your light, un - end - ing, brings hope and
(Hum) _____

B7 *Em* *Dis - pel our blind - ness, in - spire our*
Am

heal - ing, is truth re - veal - ing. (Hum) _____

Em *B7* *Em*

kind - ness— Spir - it de - scend - ing, Spir - it a - dored.
Spir - it a - dored.

It is slightly cheating to call this a Philippino song. The melody certainly comes from the Philippines, but the words are the product of the late D. T. Niles. Born in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), D. T. Niles was a great ecumenist as well as a hymn writer and for a while was president of the World Council of Churches.

Words: D. T. Niles; © Christian Conference of Asia

Music: Halad, by Elena G. Maquiso, © Christian Conference of Asia; arrangement © 1991 Iona Community

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

Tuesday, July 22nd

10:30a-11:30a Blooms of Kindness Flower
Arranging Event – Heaton Hall

Sunday, July 27th

11:15am-12:00pm Coffee Chat – Heaton Hall
11:30am-12:30pm Transition Team Meeting

Monday, July 28th

4:30pm-6:30pm Ministry of Facilities Meeting

Wednesday, July 30th

5:30 pm-7:00pm Summer Hangout-Suffolk
Punch SouthPark

Thursday, July 31st

11:00am-1:00pm Freedom School Finale – 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.*