

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday of Eastertide

April 12, 2026



**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.**

We invite you to prepare for worship in silence while listening to the prelude.

Prelude

Berceuse

Lenora Leggatt, violin; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Gabriel Fauré

Call to Worship and Invocation

Layne Smith

Introit

“Then Shall Be Brought to Pass; O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?” from *Messiah*

Charles Jennens;
George Frideric Handel

Then shall be brought to pass the saying,
death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting?

O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin,

and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God,

who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Madeline Beitel, soprano; David Young, tenor; Jeremy Lamb, cello

*Opening Hymn No. 201 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

Welcome

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

Layne Smith



*Passing of the Peace

Dane Jordan

A Moment of Centering

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.



Sing: “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

BEACH SPRING

**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.**

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

Tony Dick, Deacon

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

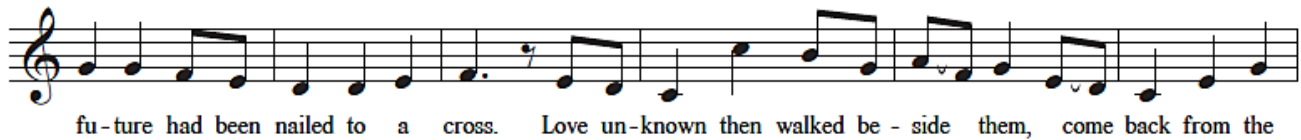
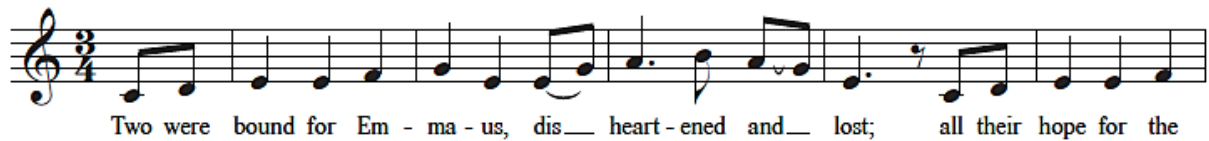
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Sermon Hymn “Two Were Bound for Emmaus”

Bob Hurd

The hymn will be sung once by today’s soloists, then the congregation is invited to join.



Sermon

“We’ve All Been to Emmaus”

Layne Smith

A Moment to Reflect

Musical Reflection

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Jeremy Lamb, cello

Church at Prayer

Dane Jordan

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

Rick Bahnson, Deacon

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



Offertory

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah*

Charles Jennens, George Frideric Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And tho' worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now, is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.

Madeline Beitel, soprano; Lenora Leggatt, violin; Jeremy Lamb, cello

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rick Bahnson, Deacon

*Closing Hymn No. 171 “The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

Responding to the Word

Layne Smith

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands

J.S. Bach

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

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.



To learn more about upcoming events, our church portal, social media pages, and weekly newsletter, simply scan the QR code below.

A graphic with a dark blue background and a light green header. The header contains the text "WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE". Below the header, it says "CONNECT WITH US IN ONE EASY STOP" followed by a bulleted list: "EVENTS", "GUESTS", "GIVE", "PRAY", "WEBSITE", and "MEMBER PORTAL". To the right of the list is a QR code. At the bottom, there is a white text box with a colorful border containing the text: "Learn more about us and how to get involved. Just point the camera on your mobile phone at the QR Code to access the items listed above."/>

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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

Sunday, April 12

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15-12:30pm | Lunch and Conversation with the Sr. Minister Search Committee – Heaton Hall
4:00pm-6:00pm | The Youth Journey Fellowship- Youth Hall

Monday, April 13

9:45am-12:00pm | Roundtable Meeting – Parlor

Tuesday, April 14

8:00am-3:30pm | Roof Above Meal Prep – Kitchen

Thursday, April 16

10:00am-12:00pm | Cuppa Community – Amelie's, Park Road Shopping Center
7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir Practice – Barry Hall

Sunday, April 19

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-12:15pm | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting – Conference Room
4:00pm-6:00pm | The Youth Journey Fellowship – Youth Hall

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