

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Eastertide

April 19, 2026

10:00 am



**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

"Partita on DARWALL'S 148TH"

Charles Callahan

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

Call to Worship

Layne Smith

Leader: The Lord says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

People: **We come with courage, trusting in God’s faithful presence.**

Leader: Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

People: **We will not be afraid, for God goes before us and walks beside us.**

Leader: Keep this Word on your lips; meditate on it day and night.

People: **We will listen, we will follow, we will live according to God’s truth.**

Leader: Do not be discouraged, for the Lord is with you.

People: **With strength and courage, we come to worship the living God.**

Invocation

***Opening Hymn No. 215 “Come Sing, O Church, In Joy”**

DARWALL’S 148th

Welcome

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

Dane Jordan

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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.**

Hebrew Scripture – Joshua 1:5-9 (NRSV)

Craig Hopewell, Deacon

No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Leader: For the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Prelude

The Gospel Train

Trad. Spiritual; Arr. Lon Beery

The Gospel train's a comin', I hear it close at hand,
I hear the car wheels rumblin' and rollin' through the land.

Refrain:

So, get on board, little children (3x), there's room for many a more.

I hear the train a'comin', she's comin' round the curve,
she's loosened all her steam and brakes and strainin' ev'ry nerve. [*Refrain*]

The fare is cheap and all can go, the rich and poor are there,
no second class aboard this train, no dif'rence in the fare. [*Refrain*]

Greg Pipkin, baritone solo; Women of the Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Hang on to Your Hat"

Carter Heyward

*Sermon Response

Lloyd Stone; FINLANDIA

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

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.

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



Offertory

Train for Jubilee

Words and Music by Joseph L. Martin

If you hear the whistle blow, you will know it's time to go,
time to get aboard the train that's bound for Jubilee;
if you long to see the Lord, mind the gap and all aboard;
time to ride the midnight train that's bound for Jubilee.

Refrain:

Shout and sing! Jubilee! Let it ring! Jubilee!
Gonna lay my burdens down. Gonna claim my golden crown.
Praise the Lord! Jubilee! All aboard! Jubilee!
Who will come and go with me? I'm bound for Jubilee!

You can hear the clanging rail, 'cross the mountain, through the vale,
on the straight and narrow trail that's bound for Jubilee.
Neighbor come and take my hand if you seek the promised Land.
Bring your ticket to the train that's bound for Jubilee. [*Refrain 3x*]

Chancel Choir; Dr. Matthew Manwarren and Claudio Olivera, piano 4-hands

***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**

Janice Bradner, Deacon

***Closing Hymn No. 53 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

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Pastoral Blessing

Carter Heyward

Postlude

"Postlude on DARWALL'S 148TH"

Charles Callahan

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.



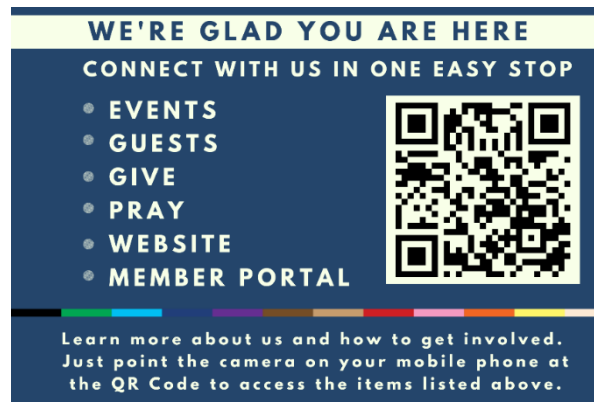
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HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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.*



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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 19

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-12:15am | 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

Tuesday, April 21

9:30am-12:00pm | Majong Lessons – Room 250
10:00am-11:30am | Creative Friends – Room 32

Thursday, April 23

5:00pm-8:00pm | TTWS Art Before Dark – Heaton Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir Practice – Berry Hall

Sunday, April 26

9:00am-9:30am | Church Renaming Committee Listening Session – Church Parlor
10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15am-12:15am | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations
11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting – Conference Room

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