

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# The Second Sunday After Pentecost

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June 7, 2026

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.**

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

### The Opening Voluntary

Voluntary on NETTLETON

Joel Raney

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

### Call to Worship

Marina Luckhoo

**Leader:** Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”

**People:** Like Abraham, we are people on a journey, searching for where God is leading us.

**Leader:** God said to Abram, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great.”

**People:** We give thanks that we worship a God who blesses. We long to be blessed, to be affirmed for who we are, to be reminded of our worth.

**Leader:** Gracious God, help us to listen to the people who bless us and empower us, and claim those stories as sacred.

**People:** Stories in scripture, stories within ourselves, stories among ourselves.

**Leader:** “I will bless you,” the Lord said, “so that you will be a blessing.”

**People:** Teach us, O Lord, how to be a blessing for others and in this world you have created.

### Invocation

**\*Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

see page 7 in this Order of Worship  
NETTLETON

### Welcome

Tim Moore

*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

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## A Moment of Centering

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit.

*Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.*



**Sing: “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”**

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.**

ST. AGNES  
Isaac Watts

## Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSV)

Janice Bradner, Deacon

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So, he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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 No. 271: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

BEACH SPRING  
Words by Robert L. Edwards

**Sermon**

“Is God’s Blessing a Privilege or a Responsibility?”

Tim Moore

**A Moment to Reflect**

**Church at Prayer**

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**

Dale Mullennix

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



**Offertory**

**Dank sei Dir, Herr**

Siegfried Ochs

*Dank sei Dir, Dank sei Dir, Herr.*  
**Thanks be to you, thanks be to you, Lord.**  
*Du hast dein Volk mit Dir geführt,*  
**You have led your people,**  
*Israel hindurch das Meer.*  
**Israel through the sea.**

*Wie eine Herde zog es hindurch.*  
**Like a herd, they passed through.**  
*Herr, Deine Hand schützte es,*  
**Lord, your hand protected it,**  
*In Deiner Güte gabst Du ihm Heil.*  
**In your goodness, you gave them salvation.**

*Dank sei Dir, Dank sei Dir, Herr...*  
**Thanks be to you, thanks be to you, Lord...**

Madeline Olivera, mezzo-soprano; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, piano

**\*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!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Dale Mullennix

**\*Closing Hymn No. 320: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

CWM RHONDDA

Words by William Williams; trans from Welsh by Peter and William Williams

**Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

**Pastoral Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary**

Trumpet Voluntary

Raymond Weidner

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

*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.

**Myers Park Baptist Church is a faith community on a journey seeking a welcoming, loving, and just world.**



**HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

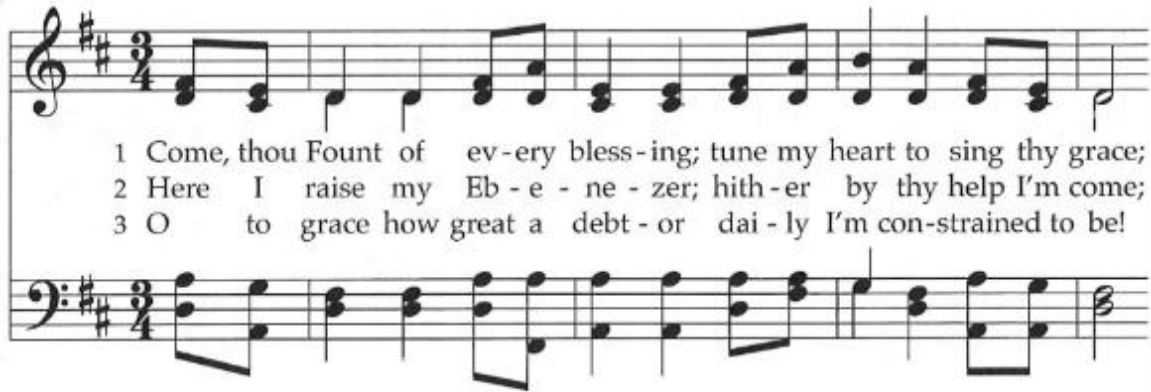
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist begins by filling out a joining card. To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at [mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org)



*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 blue header. The header contains the text "WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE". Below the header, it says "CONNECT WITH US IN ONE EASY STOP". To the left of a QR code is a list of items: "EVENTS", "GUESTS", "GIVE", "PRAY", "WEBSITE", and "MEMBER PORTAL". Below the QR code, it says "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." The graphic has a colorful horizontal bar at the bottom.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



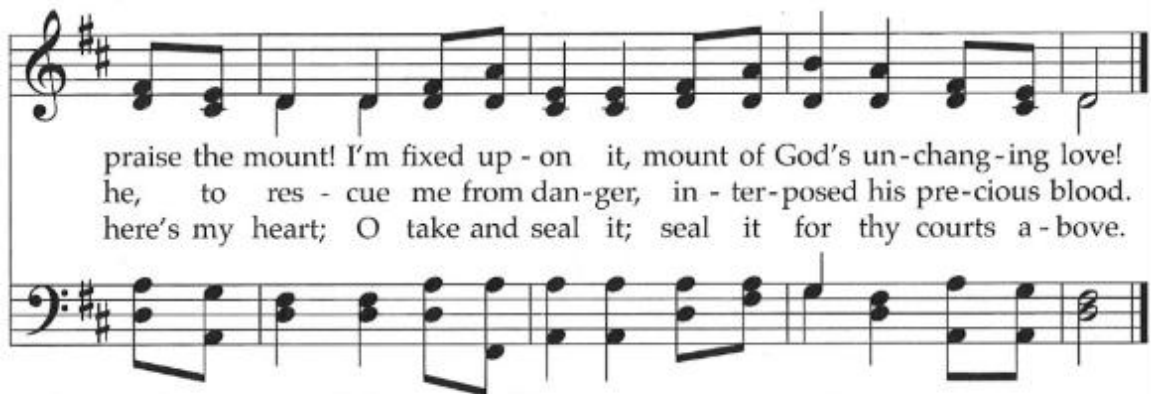
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## 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.

### OUR MINISTERS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, June 7

9:00am-12:00pm | Childcare, ages birth to kindergarten – Cornwell Center

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary

11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting – Conference Room

11:15am-12:00pm | Sermon Talk Back – Heaton Hall

11:15am-12:00pm | Elementary Sunday School – Room 210

#### Wednesday, June 10

11:30am-12:00pm | Meditation – Zoom

#### Thursday, June 11

7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir Rehearsal – Berry Hall

#### Friday, June 12

Greenway Bike Group Meets – if interested contact Paula Fricke @ [frickepj@aol.com](mailto:frickepj@aol.com)

*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](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).*

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