



The Worship of God
The Third Sunday of Pentecost | Juneteenth
June 14, 2026 | 10:00a

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 Foyer of Heaton Hall.**

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

*Opening Praise

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson; J. Rosamund Johnson
Emil Foster, vocalist; The Band

Call to Worship

Dane Jordan

Leader: The Lord sent messengers to Abraham and Sarah, promising them a child in their old age.

People: The God we worship is a promise maker and a promise keeper.

Leader: Sarah laughed when she heard the messengers, because their promise was so unbelievable.

People: We give thanks for a God who makes audacious promises, a God who helps us dream the impossible.

Leader: Gracious God, help us to listen to our stories of promise, of potential, of possibility and to hear these stories as sacred.

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

Leader: Sarah named her son Isaac, which means laughter, for she said, “God has brought laughter to me; everyone who hears of this will laugh with me.”

People: Teach us, O Lord, how to laugh with you, to celebrate the possibilities and opportunities in life even when they are distant promises.

Invocation

*Hymn: Standing on the Promises of God

**Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!
Through eternal ages let his praises ring.
“Glory in the highest!” I will shout and sing,
standing on the Promises of God.**

Russell Kelso Carter; Arr. Dr. Leonard Scott &
Trinity United Church of Christ Mass Choir

**REFRAIN: Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of Christ, my Savior.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God.**

[Follow along!]

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**

Lifting Praise to God

Every Praise

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord,
every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God,
every praise, every praise is to our God.

God my savior, God my healer, God my deliverer;
Yes, He is, yes, He is.

Chancel Choir; The Band

Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 18:1-3, 9-15; 21:5-7 (NRSV)

McKenzie Coleman-Hailey, Choir Member

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

They said to him, “Where is your wife, Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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

“Audacious Promises”

Tim Moore

Moment to Reflect

Response:

Lily in the Valley

John P. Kee & The V.I.P. Mass Choir

There's a lily in the valley, bright as the morning star (repeat). Amen, amen, amen.
Joy, it's in the valley, bright as the morning star (repeat). Amen, amen, amen.
Somebody found love in the valley, bright as the morning star (repeat). Amen, amen, amen.
Somebody found peace in the valley, bright as the morning star (repeat). Amen, amen, amen.
Somebody found God in the valley, somebody found deliverance,
Somebody found peace in the valley, somebody found joy in the valley,
Somebody found love in the valley, somebody found hope in the valley...
Out of the valley...
Amen, amen, amen!

Emmett Foster, soloist; Chancel Choir; The Band

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

Ryan LaPrade, Life Deacon

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



Offertory Anthem

I'll Make It

Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Choir

Solo: I was down to my last dime,
but Jesus stepped in right on time,
I sure been sick, and I couldn't get well
but he healed my body, and I can tell that it's...

Chorus: Alright now. Think I'll make it, anyhow. (3x)

Solo: I was lost without a friend,
but then I met Jesus, uh, and He took me in.
In all of your temptation, He'll keep the faith.
He already planned a way for you to escape.

Chorus

Bridge:

You can believe that it's alright. (2x)

Vamp:

I'll make it.

Emil Foster, soloist; Chancel Choir; The Band

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

DUKE STREET

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (Repeat)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ryan LaPrade, Life Deacon

***Closing Hymn: O Happy Day**

Edwin Hawkins Singers

Chorus:

Oh, happy day (Oh happy day),
Oh, happy day (Oh happy day),
when Jesus washed (When Jesus washed),
oh, when he washed (When Jesus washed),
when Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh happy day).

Chorus

Bridge:

He taught me how to watch, fight and pray (Fight and pray)
And live rejoicing every day (Every day)

Chorus

Bridge

[Follow along!]

***Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

***Benediction**

Closing Praise

Hold On (Change is Comin')

Sounds of Blackness

Yesterday, a man stepped to me.
He said, "How can you smile
when your world is crumbling down?"
I said, "Here's my secret, when I wanna cry,
I take a look around and I see that I'm getting by."

Chorus:

Hold on, change is coming.
Hold on, don't worry 'bout a thing.
Hold on, you can make it.
Hold on, everything will be alright.

Some people like to worry. Some people like to hide.
Some people like to run away from the pain inside.
Now it's your business. Do whatever you wanna do.
But if it don't work out, here's what you outa do:

Chorus

Emmett Foster, soloist; Chancel Choir; The Band



If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome Bag.



We welcome today's guest musicians

Emma Foster, Musical Director & Minister of Music
Emmett Foster, Vocalist
Bill Bradley, Keyboardist
Derrick Burch, Lead Guitarist
Serinus Wills, Bass Guitarist
Brandon Wynn Milton, Drummer
Omar Williams, Percussionist

Special thanks to our own choral scholar,
Emil Foster
for spearheading today's collaboration.



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, context of the text, or the musical traditions we honor, 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

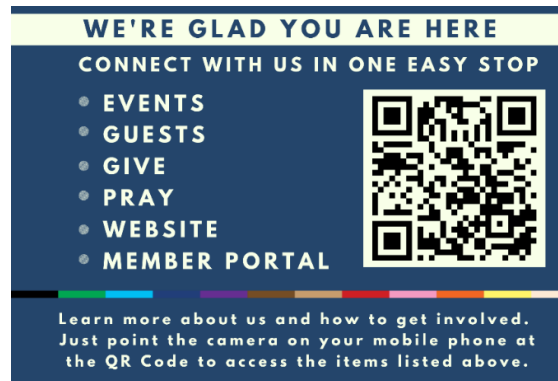
Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist begins by filling out a joining card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at

mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org



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



What is Juneteenth?

The holiday's origin story begins in Galveston, Texas, which was the western-most area of the Union in 1865. When enslaved people there were told of their emancipation on June 19, 1865, they had technically already been freed two-and-a-half years prior, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slaveholders in Texas, had kept the information to themselves, extending the period of violent exploitation of enslaved African Americans. The following year, in 1866, a celebration was had in Texas, the first Juneteenth observance to recognize freedom from slavery in the U.S.

When is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is celebrated annually on June 19th. The holiday's name is a combination of the words "June" and "nineteenth." It commemorates the day news of the Emancipation Proclamation (and their subsequent freedom from chattel slavery) reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, three years after President Abraham Lincoln had issued the proclamation. It is considered the longest-running holiday in African American and Black communities and was often observed with community celebrations on the third Saturday in June. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021 after the U.S. Congress passed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.

Source: PBS, 2023

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

Rev. Dane Jordan

Interim Minister of Youth
djordan@myersparkbaptist.org

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Associate Minister
mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org

Rev. Dr. Tim Moore

Interim Senior Minister
tmoore@myersparkbaptist.org

David Tang

Interim Music and Worship Minister
dtang@myersparkbaptist.org

704.334.7232

mpbc@myersparkbaptist.org

We are affiliated with
allianceofbaptists.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

9:45a-12p | Preschool Childcare | Cornwell Center Childcare Room – Main Level

10-11a | Worship | Heaton Hall

11:15a-12p | Sermon Talk Back | Heaton Hall

11:15a-12p | Elementary Sunday School | Room 210

11:15a-12:15p | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting | Conference Room

12-1:30p | 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch | Meet in Heaton Hall Foyer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

12-12:45p | Taizé Prayer Service | Chapel

5:30-7p | Hangout | Suffolk Punch SouthPark

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

10a-12p | Cuppa Community | Amelie's at Park Rd

6:30p-8p | Intention vs Impact Community Roundtable | Heaton Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

All day | Juneteenth Holiday

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.

One License A-729324 | WorshipCast License CCS # WC-12779 | CVLI Video License #504 239 870