



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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June 21, 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.

### Prelude

Voluntary on EVENTIDE

C.H.H. Parry

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

### Call to Worship

Tim Moore

**Leader:** The story of Hagar and Ishmael is a story of betrayal—wanted until not needed, disposable when no longer desired.

**People:** **We, too, have been betrayed and at times have betrayed others, ourselves, and God.**

**Leader:** Stories like this are hard to read in the Bible. We wonder why ancient Israel kept this story.

**People:** **Open us to your Spirit, gracious God, and enable us to find grace in this sadness.**

**Leader:** Help us to face our own stories of betrayal, of our own pain and the pain we have caused, so that healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation may be possible.

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

**Leader:** When Hagar had given up hope, she cried out to God and God heard her and the child. God provided a way out of the wilderness.

**People:** **Remind us, God of creation, that your love for us never ceases, that you never give up on us, and you continually call us to respond to your love.**

### Invocation

**\*Opening Hymn No. 195: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

CORONATION

### Welcome

Marina Luckhoo

*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

**Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### 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 21:8-21 (NRSV)**

Cindy Clemens, Deacon

Isaac grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that the child was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So, she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.”

The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son, Ishmel. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So, Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

**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**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

see p.7 of this Order of Worship  
CONVERSE

**Sermon**

“The Pain of Betrayal”

Tim Moore

**Musical Reflection**

**Music Note**

As Henry Lyte’s body betrayed him to an early death, legend has it that he wrote **Abide With Me** immediately after preaching his final communion sermon. May we take comfort in Lyte’s profound words and Henry Monk’s haunting melody.

**Abide with Me**

Lyte; EVENTIDE; Arr. Hogan; adapt. Tang

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence ev’ry passing hour,  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r,  
who like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

O Thou who changest not, abide with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Vocal Ensemble; Jason Dungee, conductor

**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**

Amy Johnson

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



## Offertory

### Music Note

Today's offertory anthem is a response to recent global hostilities and a prayer for the cessation of any continuing armed conflict. It also represents an ongoing, unwavering hope for peace in our time.

#### **Da pacem Domine**

Arvo Pärt

*Da pacem, Domine,* 6th/7th c. hymn based on scripture from II Kings, II Chronicles and the Psalms

**Give peace, O Lord,**

*In diebus nostris,*

**In our time,**

*Quia non est alius*

**For there is no one else**

*Qui [stabit] pro nobis*

**who will [stand] for us**

*Nisi tu, Deus noster.*

**If not You, our God.**

Vocal Ensemble; Jason Dungee, conductor

#### **\*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**

Amy Johnson

#### **\*Closing Hymn No. 374: "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"**

EVENTIDE

Henry Francis Lyte

#### **Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

#### **Benediction**

Marina Luckhoo

#### **Postlude**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Janet Linker

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

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

We welcome today's guest director and conductor,  
Jason Dungee



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  
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the QR Code to access the items listed above.

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐말은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

## 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, JUNE 21

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

**10-11a** | Worship | Sanctuary

**11:15a-12:15p** | Dr. Rima Vesely-Flad | Heaton Hall

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

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

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

**9a-2p** | Restorative Justice Conference | Heaton Hall

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 28

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

**10-11a** | Worship | Sanctuary

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

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

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