

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 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.

Opening Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary in D

William Boyce

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Call to Worship

Dane Jordan

Leader: The story of Abraham and Isaac is hard to read. Ultimately, it’s a story about making difficult decisions about important matters.

People: **Loving God, we face hard decisions all the time. Choices that must be made even when the outcome cannot be known—decisions about our children, our jobs, our health, or our aging lifespan. We find such moments stressful.**

Leader: Help us to reflect upon our stories of painful decisions. Open us to your Spirit, that we may understand ourselves and our values better through these sacred stories.

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

Leader: When Abraham was about to follow through on this terrible decision, God provided another way.

People: **Teach us, O Lord, that we are never trapped into a corner. That somewhere you provide another way, or another way to understand what we must face.**

Invocation

Opening Hymn No. 61: “The God of Abraham Praise,” verses 1, 3, and 4

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Attr. Daniel ben Judah; Para. Thomas Olivers

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

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 22:1-18 (NRSV)

Elaine Price Hudson, Deacon

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So, Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So, Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

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

"The Cost and Opportunity of Painful Decisions"

Tim Moore

Canticle II: *Abraham and Isaac*

Words: Adapted from an anonymous, 15th-century Chester Mystery Play

Music: Benjamin Britten

Musicians: Madeline Olivera, mezzo-soprano; David Young; tenor; Janice Bradner, piano

God speaks:

Abraham, my servant, Abraham, Take Isaac, thy son by name,
That thou lovest the best of all,
And in sacrifice offer him to me / Upon that hill there besides thee.
Abraham, I will that so it be, For aught that may befall.

Abraham:

My Lord, to Thee is mine intent / Ever to be obedient.
That son that Thou to me hast sent / Offer I will to Thee.
Thy bidding done shall be.

(Here Abraham, turning him to his son Isaac, And saith:)

Make thee ready, my dear darling,
For we must do a little thing.

This woode do on thy back it bring,
We may no longer abide.
A sword and fire that I will take,
For sacrifice behoves me to make;
God's bidding will I not forsake,
But ever obedient be.

**(Here Isaac speaketh to his father,
and taketh a bundle of sticks
and beareth after his father, and saith:)**

Father, I am all ready
To do your bidding most meekely,
And to bear this wood full bayn [willing] am I,
As you commanded me.

Now, Isaac son, go we our way
To yonder mount if that we may.

My dear father, I will essay
To follow you full fain [gladly or willingly].

(Abraham being minded to slay his son Isaac, lifts up his hands, and saith the following:)

Abraham:

O! My heart will break in three, To hear thy words I have pitye;
As Thou wilt, Lord, so must it be, To Thee I will be bayn [willing].
Lay down thy faggot (bundle of wood), my own son dear.

Isaac:

All ready, father, lo it is here. But why make you such heavy cheer? Are you anything adread?

Abraham:

Ah! Dear God! That me is woe!

Isaac:

Father, if it be your will, Where is the beast that we shall kill?

Abraham:

Thereof, son, is none upon this hill.

Isaac:

Father, I am full sore affeared
To see you bear that drawne sword.

Abraham:

Isaac, son, peace, I pray thee, Thou breakest my heart even in three.

Isaac:

I pray you, father, layn [hide] nothing from me, But tell me what you think.

Abraham:

Ah! Isaac, Isaac, I must thee kill!

Isaac:

Alas! Father, is that your will, Your owne child for to spill / Upon this hilles brink?
If I have trespassed in any degree / With a yard [rod] you may beat me;
Put up your sword, if your will be, For I am but a child.

Abraham:

O Isaac, son, to thee I say / God hath
commanded me today
Sacrifice, this is no nay / To make of thy bodye.
[I have no choice but to sacrifice your body]

Isaac:

Would God my mother were here with me! She
would kneel down upon her knee,
Praying you, father, if it may be, For to save my
life.

Isaac:

Is it God's will I shall be slain?

Abraham:

Yea, son, it is not for to layn [deny].

(Here Isaac asketh his father's blessing on his knees, and saith:)

Isaac:

Father, seeing you muste needs do so, Let it pass lightly and over go;
Kneeling on my knees two, Your blessing on me spread.

Abraham:

My blessing, dear son, give I thee / And thy mother's with heart free.
The blessing of the Trinity, My dear Son, on thee light.

(Here Isaac riseth and cometh to his father, and he taketh him, and bindeth and layeth him upon the altar to sacrifice him, and saith:)

Abraham:

Come hither, my child, thou art so sweet, Thou must be bound both hands and feet.

Isaac:

Father, do with me as you will, I must obey, and that is skill,
Godës commandment to fulfil, For needs so it must be.

Abraham:

Isaac, Isaac, blessed must thou be.

Isaac:

Father, greet well my brethren ying, And pray my mother of her blessing,
I come no more under her wing, Farewell for ever and aye.

Abraham:

Farewell, my sweete son of grace!

(Here Abraham doth kiss his son Isaac, and binds a kerchief about his head.)

Isaac:

I pray you, father, turn down my face, For I am sore adread.

Abraham:

Lord, full loth were I him to kill!

Isaac:

Ah, mercy, father, why tarry you so?

Abraham:

Jesu! On me have pity, That I have most in mind.

Isaac:

Now, father, I see that I shall die: Almighty God in majesty! My soul I offer unto Thee!

Abraham:

To do this deed I am sorrye.

(Here let Abraham make a sign as tho' he would cut off his son Isaac's head with his sword; then...)

God speaks:

Abraham, my servant dear, Lay not thy sword in no manner
On Isaac, thy dear darling. For thou darest me, well wot I,
That of thy son has no mercy, To fulfil my bidding.

Abraham:

Ah, Lord of heaven and King of bliss, Thy bidding shall be done, i-wiss [certainly]!
A horned wether [ram] here I see, Among the briars tied is he,
To Thee offered shall he be / Anon [immediately] right in this place.

(Then let Abraham take the lamb and kill him.)

Sacrifice here sent me is, And all, Lord, through Thy grace.

Envoi [the community]:

Such obedience grant us, O Lord! Ever to Thy most holy word.
That in the same we may accord / At this Abraham was bayn [willing];
And then altogether shall we / That worthy King in heaven see,
And dwell with Him in great glorye / For ever and ever. Amen

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

The Offering is an act of worship. In thanksgiving to God's blessings, we are taking a moment to generously give back to God. As you drop your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code below, please consider how you wish to give your time and talent to God this week.



Offertory

Allegretto from Sonata I

Johann Gottlieb Naumann

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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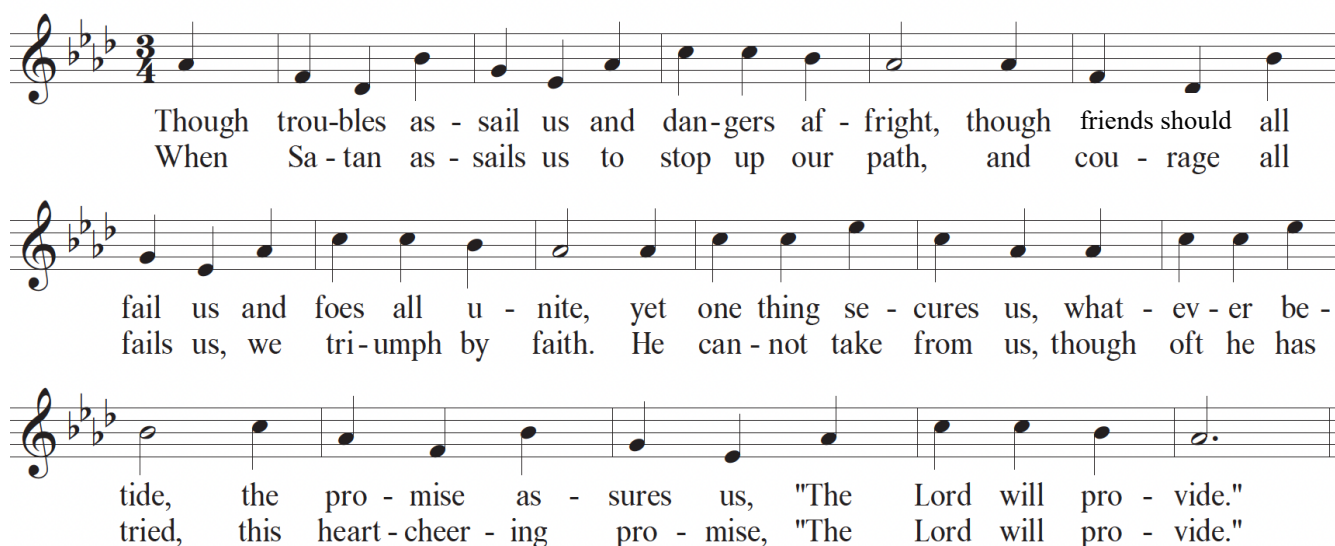
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Scott Crowder, Life Deacon

*Closing Hymn: "The Lord Will Provide"

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John Newton



Though trou- bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright, though friends should all
When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path, and cou - rage all
fail us and foes all u - nite, yet one thing se - cures us, what - ev - er be -
fails us, we tri - umph by faith. He can - not take from us, though oft he has
tide, the pro - mise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."
tried, this heart - cheer - ing pro - mise, "The Lord will pro - vide."

Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Postlude on a Theme by Orlando Gibbons

Christopher Tambling

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

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



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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Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann, Hannah Combs, and Eric Roberts.



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in joyous celebration of the marriage of Hannah Humphrey and Michael Montgomery on June 27, 2026.



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



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 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

WEDNESDAY, July 1

11:30a-12:30p | Meditation | Zoom

SUNDAY, July 5

10-11a | Worship | Sanctuary

11:15a-12p | Forum with Bill Leonard | Heaton Hall

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

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