

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:00a

MYERS PARK
COVENANT
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

Nun Bitten Wir

Dieterich Buxtehude

Raymond Weidner, organist

Call to Worship

Dane Jordan

Leader: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your commandments.

People: Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path.

Leader: Your commandments make me wiser in how to live this life.

People: Open your word to us that we may gain more understanding.

Leader: Teach us the ways that are true from the ways that are false.

People: How sweet are your words, O Lord, to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

[adapted from Psalm 119]

Invocation

***Opening Hymn No. 43: “All Creatures of Our God and King” stanzas 1-4**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Francis of Assisi; Trans. and para. William Henry Draper

Welcome

David Tang and Erkam Adiguzel

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Sing: “We are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
will one day be restored

Refrain:

and they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
and they’ll know we are Christians
by our love.

[Repeat All]

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Elaine Price-Hudson, Deacon

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my God in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Hymn: “Come! Live in the Light!” (p. 7)

Chancel Choir

WE ARE CALLED

David Haas

Sermon

“Bold Declarations”

Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

Call to Prayer

The Azan

Erkam Adiguzel
Traditional Muslim Liturgy

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Repeated 4x)

God is the Greatest, God is the Greatest (4x)

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illal-laah (2x)

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except God (2x)

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Ash-hadu anna Muhammadar Rasoolullaa (2x)

I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of God (2x)

حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ

Hayya 'alas-salaah (2x)

Hurry to the prayer (2x)

حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

Hayya 'alal-falaah (2x)

Hurry to real success (2x)

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar

God is the Greatest, God is the Greatest

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Laa ilaaha illal-laah

There is no god but Allah

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

Rick Bahnson, Deacon

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



Offertory

“Meditation: Peace Is...” from *The Peacemakers*

Terry Waite; Karl Jenkins

MUSIC NOTE

The text for "**Meditation: Peace is...**," from Karl Jenkins' choral work *The Peacemakers*, was written by the British author and former hostage negotiator Terry Waite. Waite, who was held captive in Lebanon for nearly five years, wrote the text specially for the composition to convey peace as a reconciling force.

Peace is a fragile meeting
Of two souls in harmony
Peace is an embrace
That protects and heals

Waiting to be nourished
Blossom, and flourish
Until it embraces the world

Peace is a reconciling
Of opposites
Peace is rooted in love
It lies in the heart

May we know the harmony of peace
May we sing the harmony of peace

Until in the last of days
We rest in peace...

Waiting to be nourished
Blossom, and flourish

McKenzie Coleman, soprano; Raymond Weidner, organist

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rick Bahnson, Deacon

*Closing Hymn: “Come! Live in the Light!” (see p.7 in this order of worship)

WE ARE CALLED
David Haas

Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Raymond Weidner, organist

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



We welcome today’s guests, Erkam Adiguzel and organist, Raymond Weidner.

Erkam Adiguzel is a Software QA Engineer and holds a bachelor’s degree in Theology from Turkey, where he studied Islam and comparative religion. He is a board member of the Mecklenburg Metropolitan Interfaith Network and an active volunteer with Mosaic of Charlotte, focusing on interfaith dialogue, community building, and spiritual outreach.



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



On Friday, June 26, 2026, Myers Park Baptist Church officially announced the results of the congregational election to change our name to **Myers Park Covenant Church**.

As we begin this exciting new chapter, you may notice a mix of our old and new names across our website, printed materials, signage, and other communications over the next few months. We are working diligently to update everything as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support during this transition. We are excited for all that lies ahead and look forward to embracing this new season together.

At Myers Park Covenant 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 Myers Park Covenant Church holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.



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



HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK COVENANT CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Covenant Church 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.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

CONNECT WITH US IN ONE EASY STOP

- **EVENTS**
- **GUESTS**
- **GIVE**
- **PRAY**
- **WEBSITE**
- **MEMBER PORTAL**



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.

Come! Live in the Light!

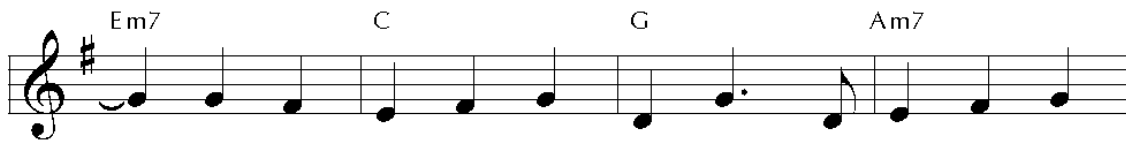
We Are Called



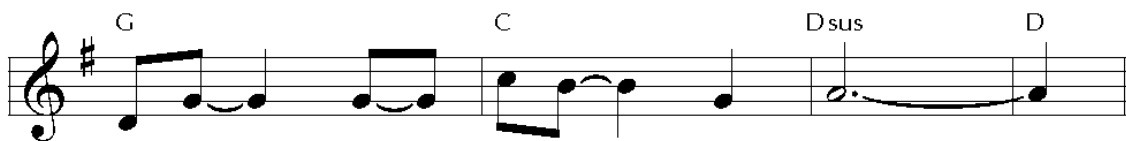
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Covenant 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, JULY 12

9:45a-12p | Preschool Childcare | Cornwell Center Childcare Room – Main Level
10a-11a | Worship | Sanctuary
11:15a-12:15p | Sermon Talk Back | Heaton Hall
11:15a-12p | Elementary Sunday School | Room 210
11:15a-12:15p | Senior Minister Search Committee Meeting | Conference Room
12:15p-1:30p | Second Sunday Lunch Bunch | Meet in Heaton Hall after Sermon Talk Back

TUESDAY, July 14

12p-1:30p | Sage-ing BYO Lunch and Hearing Assist with Wes | Heaton Hall and Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, July 15

11:30a-12:30p | Meditation | Zoom
5:30p-7:00p | Summer Hang out | Suffolk Punch Southpark

THURSDAY, July 16

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

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.

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