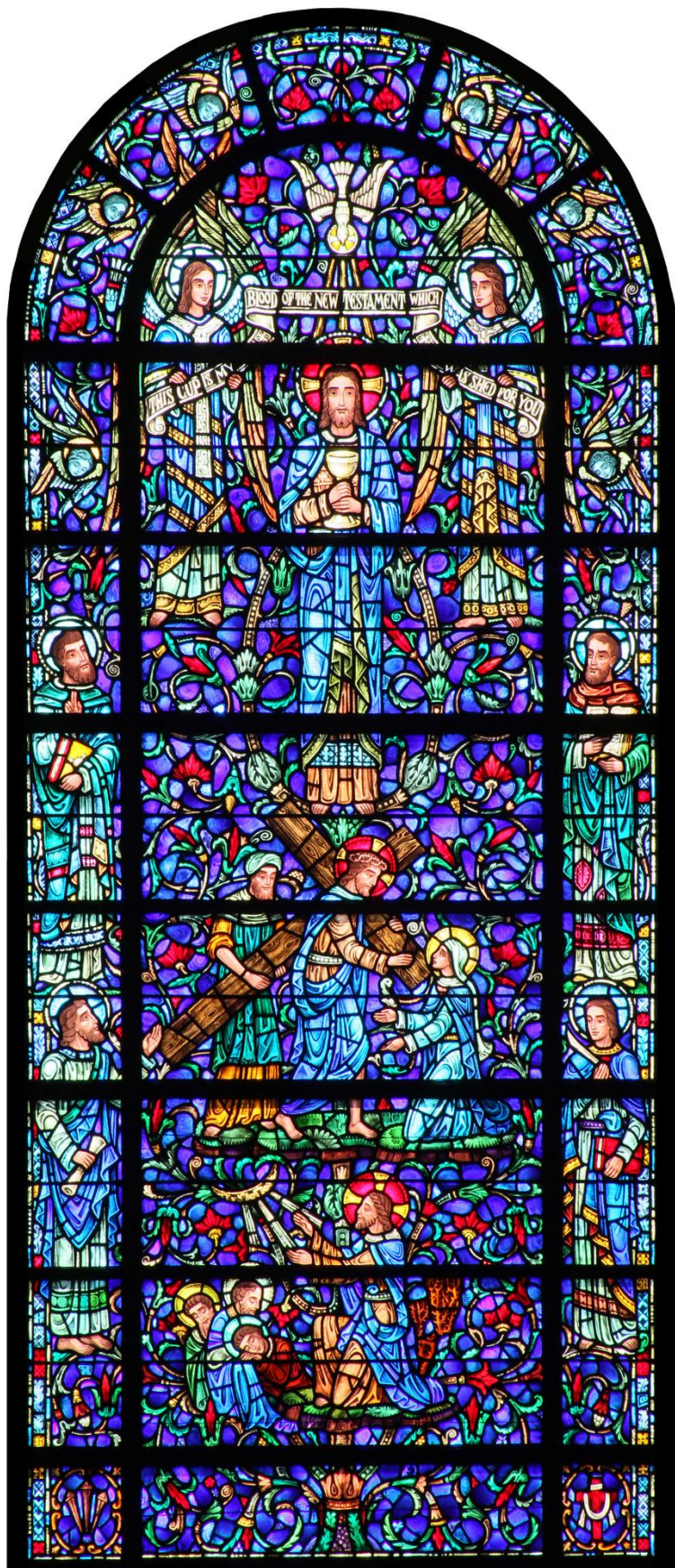




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 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 opening music.

Opening Music

Verbavoya Doschechka

Traditional Ukranian

Mark and Maggie O’Connor, violins

Call to Worship

Marina Luckhoo

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: **You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

People: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

People: **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

People: **See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

[adapted from Psalm 139]

Invocation

Opening Hymn No. 281: “God of Grace and God of Glory stanzas 1, 3, and 5”

CWM RHONDDA
Harry Emerson Fosdick

Welcome

If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.

Tim Moore



*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Singing (after Passing of the Peace)

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
may one day be restored:

REFRAIN:
And they'll know we are
Christians by our love, by our
love, by our love,

yes they'll know we are
Christians
by our love.

We will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the
news
that God is in our land:

[REFRAIN]

We will work with each other;
we will work side by side;
we will work with each other;
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity
and save each one's pride.

[REFRAIN]

Affirmation of Faith

Marina Luckhoo

Leader: As a congregation, we are bound by the tenets of a historic Baptist Christian faith.

People: We believe in soul freedom. That each person answers to God alone, as they understand God, for how they live their lives and for the beliefs they assert.

We believe in Bible freedom. That each Christian has the right and responsibility to interpret scripture within their congregation as they feel led by God.

We believe in church freedom. That each congregation is free to make decisions regarding the faith and practice of its community as led by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in religious liberty. That every person has the right to worship God and live a life of faith in the religious tradition of their choosing.

Leader: We affirm these freedoms for ourselves,

People: And commit to being a witness to these freedoms for others.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

Jesmark Garcia

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But Jesus did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Listening Creates Inclusivity”

Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

Sermon Response

O Love

George Matheson; Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
and in thy ocean depths its flow
shall richer, fuller be.
that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go.

Chancel Choir; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, piano; Dr. Katherine Kinsey, guest conductor

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

Deborah Moore Clark

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



Offertory

"All We Will Be"

Mark O'Connor and Joe Henry

I asked for courage
—well, take mine, you said,
For the good it will do
All the quick
and the dead;
And the rebels of Easter

Protesting rebirth...
Like all that we had
is all we are worth

I asked how to play this
—With both hands, you said,
And the drum of your feet
And a sweep
of your head:
You drag and leave hanging

The tail of your shirt...
Like all that we did
Is all that we were

I asked to remember
—and just what? you said,
And shook out the leaves
From the folds
of the bed
That drifted below us

And back into trees...
Like all that we are
Is all we will be

Had I the courage
That my hunger knew
I'd stand to consume
my hat and my shoe;
in hopes that their traveling ways
would lead us, would lead us

like this holy hour now
isn't enough
is not enough

I asked for courage
—well, take mine, you said,
For the good it will do

Mark and Maggie O'Connor, vocals, guitar and violin

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

Deborah Moore Clark

***Closing Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See” (see p. 6 of order of worship)**

OPEN MY EYES
Clara H. Scott

Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

Benediction

Closing Music

"Ride Towards Home"

Maggie and Mark O'Connor

With feet of clapping thunder
A breath in the desert breeze
With snow-white fur of winter
As thick as forest trees

Deep ocean eyes reflecting
An ancient wisdom there
It carries me correcting
A load too large to bear

CHORUS:

Wild horses please carry me
To a beauty that will always be
To a world I can call on my own
In an everlasting ride towards home

Like waterfalls and rivers
Flowing from you as we chase
What's always been forever
That time cannot erase

Dusty sun shadows upon you
The rock and the fire within
You are the earth, and the world that carries me
To forgotten, places I've been

[CHORUS]

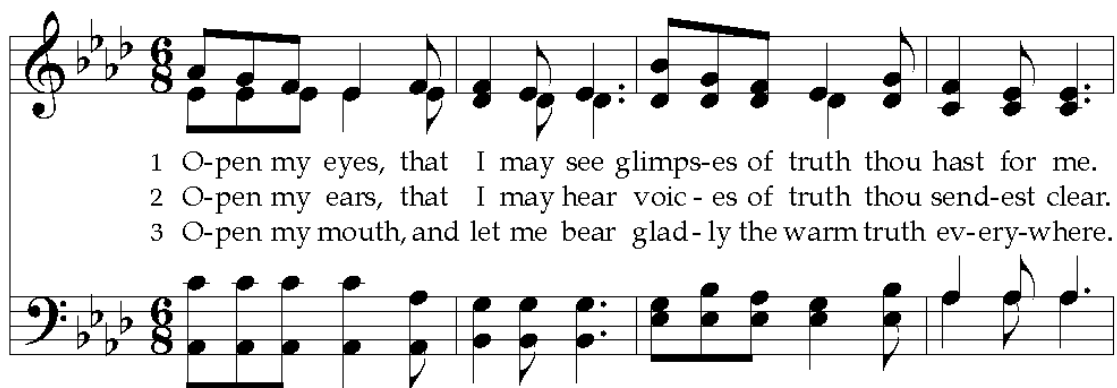
Feathered manes and war stained saddle
Pulling carts for wounded men
Braided leather, roping cattle
Plowing fields for the cotton gin

We thank you for your patience
In mankind's long pursuit
Of happiness and freedom
Til then we borrow it from you.

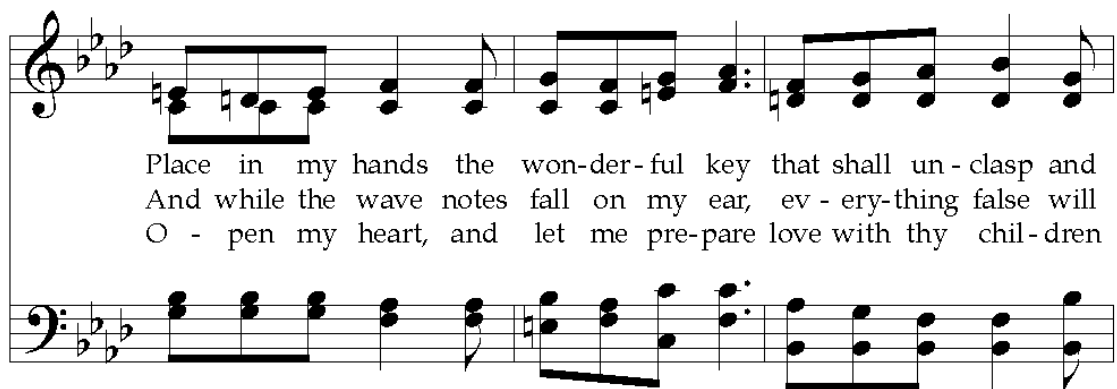
[CHORUS]

Mark and Maggie O'Connor

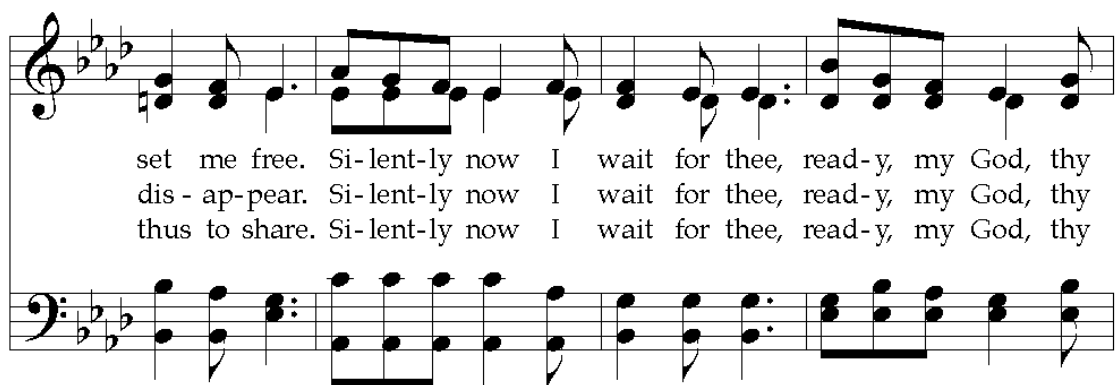
Open My Eyes



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

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



We welcome today's guest musicians, Mark and Maggie O'Connor and today's guest conductor, Dr. Katherine Kinsey.



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

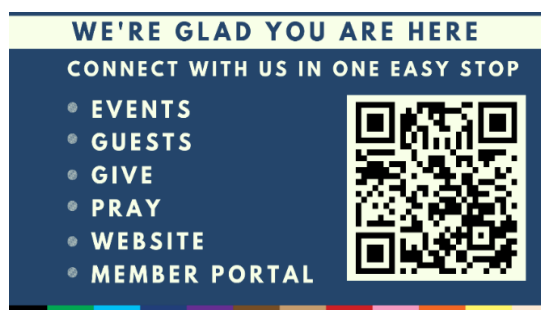
Becoming a member of Myers Park Covenant Church begins by filling out a joining card.

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.



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 19

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

WEDNESDAY, July 22

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

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Greenway Bike Group Meets-if interested
contact Paula Fricke at frickepj@aol.com

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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

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