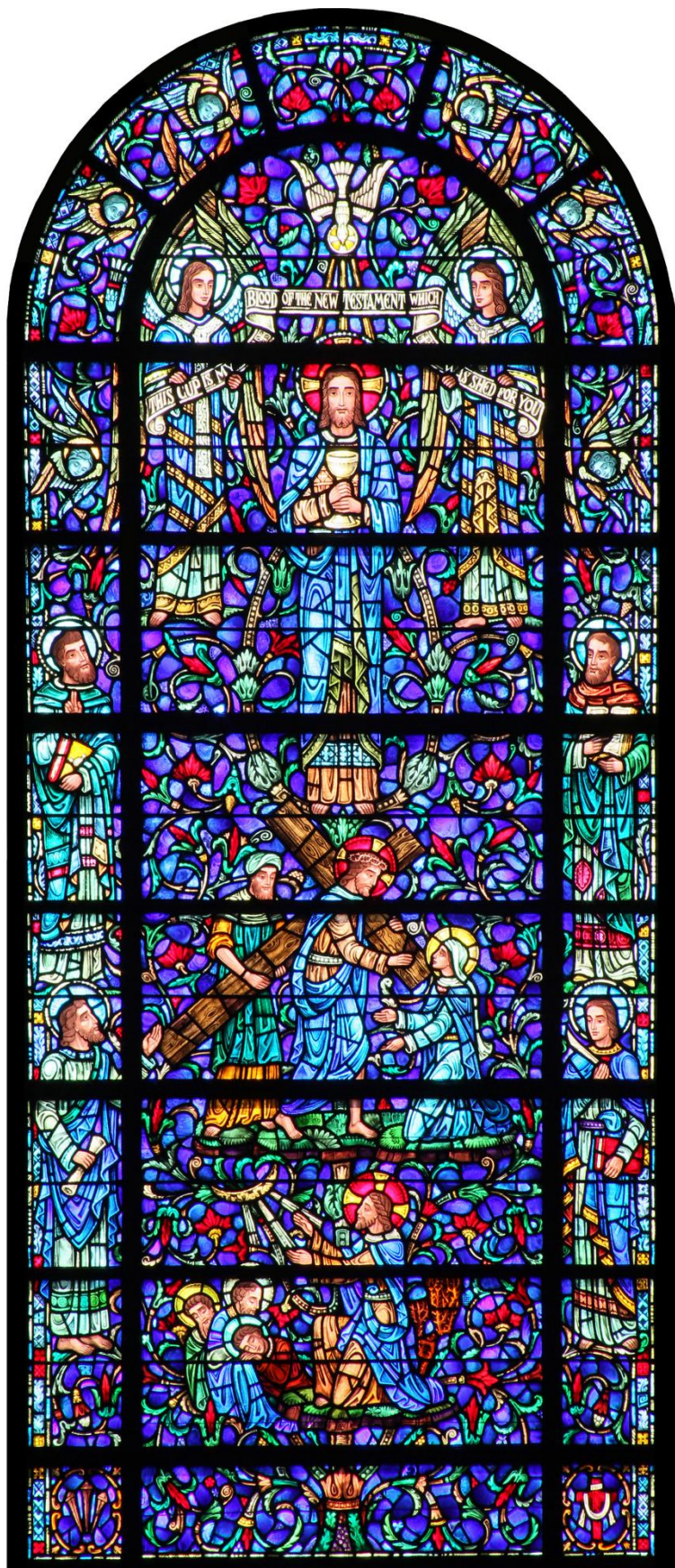




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 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

Ruhig bewegt from Sonata II

Paul Hindemith
Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

Call to Worship

Tim Moore

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon God’s name; make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Leader: Seek the Lord and God’s strength; seek God’s presence continually.

People: Remember the wonderful works of God, the miracle of life and all of creation.

Leader: God keeps covenant with us, a promise maker and a promise keeper.

People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

[adapted from Psalm 105]

Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 330: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL
Charles Wesley

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.

*Sing (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]

An affirmation of Faith

Tim Moore

We believe that all blessings come from God,
our minds and how they learn knowledge,
our determination and how it overcomes challenges,
our hands and the craftsmanship they create,
our hearts and the relationships they build.

All that we have is from God.

Our money, our possessions, our abilities and
accomplishments are received and earned.

These loans have been given to us so that
we might share God's bounty with others,
and invest our lives in this world,
and create meaning by using what we have
for purposes greater than our own lives.

The world is transformed not by great people
who do great things,
But by ordinary people who do good and right things.

All that we have is from God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV)

David Zeeso

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 301: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE
Mary A. Lathbury

Sermon

“Ministry for This Life”

Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

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

Nancy Culp - Deacon

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



Offertory

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine; Arr. Lloyd Larson

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountains grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

[Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

[Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
[Refrain]

David Young, tenor soloist; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, pianist

***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**

Nancy Culp - Deacon

***Closing Hymn No. 226: "Christ for the World We Sing"**

ITALIAN HYMN
Samuel Wolcott

Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Finale on *Hyfrydol*

Charles Callahan

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

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

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.

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 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

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7p-9p | Choir Rehearsal | Berry Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 31

7:30p-9p | O'Connor Camp Playdown Concert |
Heaton Hall

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