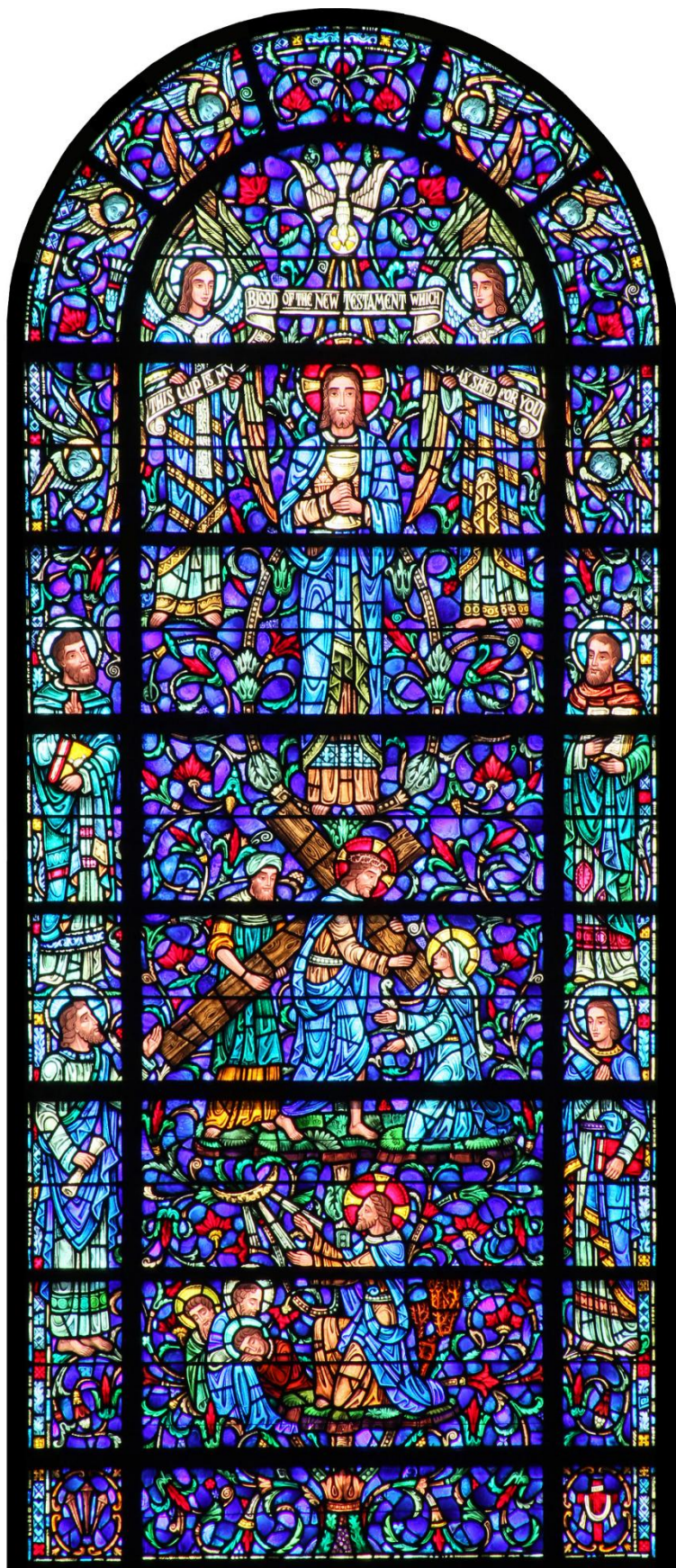




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 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

Litanae

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Call to Worship

Tim Moore

Leader: Friends, do not lose heart. Even though life is always changing, God renews our spirits day by day.

People: We gather in this place to worship as one community, leaning upon one another, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Leader: For the love Christ urges us on; the one who gave all things for us, urges us on.

People: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: So, let us face the changes of life with confidence.

People: We are ambassadors for Christ, the one who resurrects life out of death and turns endings into beginnings.

[adapted from II Corinthians 5]

Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 216: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIA
John Newton

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.

*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:

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
Peter Scholtes

REFRAIN:

And they’ll know we are Christians
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, Lord,
that everything good in the world comes from you.
We believe in your great love for all people,
We believe your teachings of love, freedom, and justice,
for which you were killed by those in power.
We believe that you identify with those who suffer.

We believe that you call us to proclaim your gospel,
and we also believe that you accompany us
in the task of transforming this world
into a different one
where there is no suffering or weeping;
a world where there is a gigantic table
set with free food where everyone is welcome.

We believe that you accompany us
in waiting for the dawning of a new day.
We believe that you will give us strength
so that death does not find us
without having done enough,
and that you will rise in those who have died
seeking a different world.
Amen

Our Affirmation of Faith was adapted from the work of an unnamed peasant woman
living in El Salvador as published in *Gifts in Open Hands*.

Hebrew Scripture – I Kings 19:7-15a, 18 (NRSV)

Deborah Moore Clark, Deacon

The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched [Elijah], and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

[God] said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

[Remember, there are] seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” see pg. 7, stanzas 1 and 2

OPEN MY EYES

Sermon

“The Grief of Change”

Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

Church at Prayer

Tim Moore

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

Let My Heart Be Quiet

Heather Schopf

Lord, let my heart be quiet, command my thoughts to still,
and capture my attention to Your will.

Of all the thousand voices ‘round that clamor in my ear,
let it be Your voice, the voice that I can hear.

Lord, let my heart be quiet, let all distraction cease.
Make room within my heart for perfect peace.

Lord, let my heart be quiet and ready to receive
eternal Words of truth You have decreed.

And let me learn to linger in quiet times of prayer;
unhurried, let me often meet You there.

Oh, let my heart be quiet; my restless mind subdue.
Let all my expectation come from You, from You,

and daily help me choose to let my inward soul be still,
so that Your voice my quiet mind can fill, can fill.

Lord, let my heart be quiet, Lord, let my heart be still.
Chancel Choir; Fran Morrison, conductor

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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**

Rick Bahnson, Deacon

***Closing Hymn No. 215: "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"**

DARWALL'S 148th
Brian Dill

***Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Postludio Festivo

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

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



We are grateful to Fran Morrison, former Minister of Music and Worship,
for leading the choir this morning.



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.

Open My Eyes, That I May See



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth Thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth



hast for me; Place in my hands the won-der-ful key
 send - est clear; And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
 ev' - ry - where; O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare



That shall un - clasp and set me free; Si-lent-ly now I
 Ev' - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear: Si-lent-ly now I
 Love with Thy chil - dren, thus to share: Si-lent-ly now I



wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy will to see;
 wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy will to see;
 wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy will to see;



O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spi - rit di - vine!
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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, September 6

9a-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

WEDNESDAY, September 7

11:30a-12p | Meditation | Zoom

THURSDAY, September 8

8a-3:30p | Roof Above Meal Prep | Kitchen

7p-9p | Choir Rehearsal | Berry Hall

FRIDAY, September 9

9-10:30a | Greenway Bike Group Meets-if interested
contact Paula Fricke at frickepj@aol.com

SATURDAY, September 10

6p | Theatre and Little Bites: *Come from Away* |

Starting at Cindy and Marcy's and walking to
Theatre Charlotte

SUNDAY, September 13 | Celebration Sunday

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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