The Worship of God
at
Myers Park Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pride Sunday

18 August 2019
10:00a
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

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.

Silent Meditation

“ Evil is rendered more believable by putting it together with good to make it more respectable.”

From The Quarrel of the Rose – Christine de Pizan (1364-1430)

Ringing of the Angelus Bell

Prelude

“Water Music: Air” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Childcare is available for children ages birth through TK/K. Please meet our paid staff at the rugs. Worship kits for children are available in the Narthex.

There will be no TalkBack after worship. Instead, all are invited to join us in walking in the PRIDE parade.

*Opening Sentences

Leader: People of God, join the procession; don’t let the parade pass you by.
People: We have gathered here; let us worship God.
Leader: Bring your whole selves; leave no part behind.
People: We bring our whole selves, moving forward.
Leader: Show the world who you are; witness to the Love that knows no bounds.
People: We affirm our identity as children made in the image of God.
Leader: Join together across differences. Rejoice in the many colors of the rainbow.
People: We rejoice in the beautiful diversity of God.

*Procession and Opening of the Bible

“Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)” TWO OAKS

*Prayer of Invocation

THE PEOPLE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

The Kyrie Eleison

Invitation to Silent Confession

*Please rise in body or in spirit.
Prayer of Confession

Holy one,
God of many names and many identities,
we praise you for the extravagant diversity of your creation.
We confess that sometimes our understanding limits the ways
in which we know each other and know you.

Forgive us when we, personally and as a community,
use names and definitions as weapons to oppress or exclude.
Free us from the constraints of narrow views and expand our vision
so that we might recognize and enjoy the creativity
of bodily expression that is revealed in your infinite glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*The Canticle* (Glory to God in the highest.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

Text: Trad. Liturgical text; Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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*Passing of the Peace*

*Preschool children* will leave with paid providers and may be picked up in Room 107 after worship.
*Children in grades 1 - 5* are invited for a time of Children's Worship.
Please meet Tara Harris at the door by the lectern. They will be downstairs in Room 3.
They may be picked up on the lectern side in the back of the Sanctuary after worship.

Welcome of Our Guests

If you are our guest today, *please text* “guest” to 474747 or *fill out a guest card* located
in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during worship as your gift to us.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED AND HEARD

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:49-56 (NRSV adapted)  
Rev. Debra Grosch

Jesus continued, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”
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  
“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”

Sermon  
“The Pride Divide”

Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

Time for Silent Reflection

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

Church at Prayer  
Rev. Carrie Veal

The Lord’s Prayer  
Our God 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.

Offertory  
Mobile giving is available – see page 6.  
Gifts of loose cash in August will benefit Time Out Youth, which offers support, advocacy, and opportunities for personal development and social interaction to LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-20.

Anthem  
“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
God has told you, O mortal, what is good.  
What does the Lord require of you?  
I want to know.  
Justice! Kindness! Walk humbly with your God!  
--Micah 6:8

The Chancel Choir

Mark A. Miller (b. 1958)

*Presentation of Gifts  
As the Deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand.  
This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures, here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication  
Allen Davis

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD FOR MINISTRY

*Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible  
“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Number 322

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Following worship, instead of TalkBack, all are invited to join us in walking in the PRIDE parade.

Following worship, 3's and 4's and TK/K may be picked up in Room 107; children in grades 1-5 will be in the back of the sanctuary on the lectern side.

Leading worship today with Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister, are Rev. Carrie Veal, Minister of Children and Community Life, Allen Davis, Director of Youth Ministry, and Rev. Debra Grosch, member of the congregation.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music with Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship, and John Richardson, Organist.

Today’s opening sentences were written by Katie Hambrick, Youth Ministry Intern.

The acolytes are Conor Dougherty, Caleb William and Christian William.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts. The webcast technician is Seph Rackley.
THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

Why do we worship?
Worship at Myers Park Baptist is the gathering of a diverse, intergenerational, ecumenical community of faith, celebrating God’s active and timeless presence in the world. In worship, God re-forms our hearts, minds and bodies, and ignites our imaginations with sacred stories—stories that invite us to question, explore mystery, express joy and grief, and deepen our faith. We worship to learn how to develop caring, empowering relationships with each other, and to stay centered in God as the world swirls around us. We worship to be inspired and prepared to exemplify the compassion and justice of Jesus in our church family and in the world. Through worship, God frees and transforms us in heart, mind and body, so we can make a difference within ourselves, in our relationships and in our community.

How do we worship?
Focusing on God, worship at Myers Park Baptist unfolds consistently with the Isaiah 6 scriptural model: praise, confession, pardon, calling to respond, commitment and sending out. All our worship services are built on this ancient structural form, regardless of worship style, venue or theme. Communal practices within worship — radical hospitality, confession and assurance of pardon, passing the peace, silence and listening, spirited hymn singing, presentations of gifts, and active participation in Communion—transform worshipers into newness with God and one another. Themes for services, based on lectionary scriptures, annually portray the narrative arc of God’s redeeming love for humankind.

HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as easy as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

MOBILE GIVING

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It is secure, simple, and efficient:
- Start a new text message to phone number 73256.
- In the message of the text, enter 1900Q, a space, and the amount you want to give (i.e., 1900Q 100).
- The system will return a message to you; click on the link provided and follow instructions.
- You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received. It is that simple!
- Next time, since your setup is already done – just text “1900Q, a space, then amount you wish to give” to 73256.

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org
Let Us Build a House
All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
   safely live, a place where saints and children tell
   how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
   love of Christ shall end divisions:
   one we claim the faith of Jesus:
   all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are
   strong and true, where all God’s children dare to seek
   dreams God’s reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
   love of Christ shall end divisions:
   one we claim the faith of Jesus:
   all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water,
   wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground
   and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
   love of Christ shall end divisions:
   one we claim the faith of Jesus:
   all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the
   wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
   as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
   love of Christ shall end divisions:
   one we claim the faith of Jesus:
   all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and
   bring an end to fear and danger:
   house proclaim from floor to rafter:
   all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994


9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain
Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol-low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know and nev-er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev-er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev-er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in-side and nev-er be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos-tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep-er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world a-round,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an-swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad-mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer’s response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer’s time of ministry.

TEXT John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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Welcome.
We’re glad you’re here.

If you are our guest, we’d love to hear from you! Please share with us a little about who you are:
• text "guest" to 474747 OR
• fill out a guest card located in the pew rack. Simply return the guest card in the offering plates during worship as your gift to us.
If you would like to learn more about us, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex after worship to speak with one of our members or ministers.

WEEKLY NEWS
August 19-25, 2019

PRIDE Weekend
Today is PRIDE Sunday - Join Us at the Parade
There will be no Sermon TalkBack today. Immediately following worship, we will be walking together in the PRIDE Parade. We would love for you to join us! Head downtown and meet us at the Hal Marshall Parking Lot at 700 N. Tryon Street by 11:45a.

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
SUMMER WORSHIP
10:00a Worship | 11:00a Sermon TalkBack
Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost | Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching

FEATURES

Saturday, September 7 | 12 - 4p
COMMUNITY-WIDE BLOCK PARTY
We’re Throwing a Campus Block Party | September 7 | Noon - 4p
We are excited about our first-ever Block Party to kick off the new church year. Festivities will include: food, wine, and beer trucks | snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy | live music by Randy Franklin and the Sardines | yoga on the lawn | Tae Kwon Do presentation | cornhole tournament | giant plinko board | bounce houses | sidewalk chalk art | face painting | prizes | and some special MPBC gifts (swag) for everyone. We are opening this event up to the community, so come see your church friends, bring your other friends, and make new ones! Oh! And bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.
Volunteers Needed!
We need a few volunteers to make all. We will have some swag (gifts) for everyone, games, and more. We are looking for volunteers to be greeters, swag table hosts, game hosts, and more. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

Room In The Inn (RITI) Supply Drive Begins at our Block Party
The Ministry of Outreach is gearing up for our 24th season of RITI and we need your help! We are planning some renovations to our guest quarters and refilling our supplies. Collection will begin on Saturday, September 7 at our Start-Up Weekend Block Party. Listed below are some of the major items we need in order to provide a caring space for our neighbors. Please bring new items only. For more information, contact Mia McClain at mmclain@myersparkbaptist.org.

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**START-UP SUNDAY**
**SEPTEMBER 8 | 9:45a - 1:30p**
- 9:45a Faith Formation
- 11:00a Worship
- 12:00p Ministry Fair & BBQ Lunch

We Return to Our Regular Schedule on September 8
We are looking forward to coming back together as a community following what we hope has been a wonderful summer for everyone. Faith Formation classes will resume and meet from 9:45-10:45a for children contact Rev. Carrie Veal | youth contact Allen Davis | adults contact Mia McClain.

Ministry Fair on Start-Up Sunday, September 8
Immediately Following 11:00a Worship | Heaton Hall
What is your superpower? Maybe you’re not sure what it is and you need a little inspiration. On Start-Up Sunday, you will have the chance to discover your superpower and share it with others.
Many of the ministries of the church will be at our Start-Up Sunday Ministry Fair in Heaton Hall. Lay leaders from the ministries will be there to share what their ministries are, how you can be involved, and more. We hope you will make plans to join us!

Start-Up Sunday Lunch
September 8 | Following Worship | Heaton Hall
It’s time for our annual Start-Up Sunday Lunch! This wonderful meal that is prepared by volunteers is one of the best ways to kick off a new church year! Our menu will be pulled pork with sides, a salad bar, and dessert. Cost will be $5 for adults and $3 for children. We hope to see you there!

Youth Ministry
Welcome Rising 6th Graders!
We welcome new members of our community. We can’t wait to meet you on Start-Up Sunday, September 8. Join us for Youth Faith Formation at 9:45a and Youth Fellowship at 3:30p both in the Youth Hall. If you have any questions, please email Allen Davis at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

**FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAYS**
*Awakening | Food | Fellowship | Music*

**Beginning September 11**
Looking for an opportunity to grow spiritually through the week? Interested in some God-talk while your child is in choir rehearsals? Would you like to just chat over coffee? Join us on Wednesdays for a variety of fellowship and faith-filled activities, starting September 11. Childcare will be offered from 5:00 - 8:00p.

- **5:00p | Children's Choirs** | for children in TK - 5th grades. Contact Charlotte Judge.
- **5:00p | Coffee Chat** | All are invited to come chat about minivans, the school year, your recent family vacation, or the complexities of life. Led by Rev. Carrie Veal
- **5:00p | Awakening Bible Study** | This is an opportunity for people of all ages to gather and walk through scripture together. We will focus on texts that relate to the Awakening to Environmental Injustice series, beginning with an unpacking of the Book of Genesis. Led by Mia McClain
- **6:00p | Food and Fellowship Hour** | Let’s break bread together and fellowship as a family. A catered meal will be available for purchase. Reservations can be made through myMPBC.
- **7:00p | Awakening Bible Study** | (Starting September 18)

**Awakening Shalom | PROUD THEOLOGY: a 4-part podcast series**

*Does my sexuality separate me from God? Is there relevant God-talk that centers LGBTQ+ people?*

We will march as a people on a journey through the streets of Charlotte today as we celebrate our PRIDE. In conjunction with that celebration, join Rev. Ben Boswell and Mia McClain as they embark on a conversational journey centered on Queer Theory and Queer Theology, rooted in groundbreaking publications that center the voices of queer-identifying theologians. This integrative dialogue will also highlight the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the Emmy Award-winning show, POSE, and other cultural and theological references. Episode 2 is available on our website and on iTunes.

Relevant publications for your library:

- **Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology**, written by Patrick S. Cheng, PhD, a pastor and theologian who offers us an excellent introduction to LGBTQ theology.
• Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology, written by Pamela R. Lightsey, PhD, a contextual theologian who explores the impact of oppression against Black LBHQ women.
• Queer Theology: Beyond Apologetics, written by Linn Marie Tonstad, PhD, a constructive theologian working at the intersection of systematic theology with feminist and queer theory.

Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, September 11 | 7:00p
The Board of Deacons would like to hear your thoughts about the "Reimagining Lay Leadership" proposal that was presented at the Congregational Meeting on June 2. We are offering another one-hour Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00p. Marcy McClanahan will lead the discussion. Childcare will be provided. We encourage you to sign up through myMPBC.

Training: Sunday, September 1 | 8:30a | Conference Room
We are encouraging all congregants of MPBC to attend a training of our Child and Youth Protection Policy. Even if you are not actively involved in the youth or children's ministries, all of us are called to protect the children and youth on our campus. Sign up through myMPBC. Questions? Contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

Myers Park Baptist Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, September 17 | 7:45 - 8:45a | Heaton Hall
Several members of the Church and Rev. Ben Boswell thought it would be a good idea to provide an opportunity to build relationships by inviting all men of the church to join us for an informal breakfast with no agenda. The purpose is simply to get to know each other better, to sit with someone you don't know and find out more about their life. Gathering will conclude promptly at 8:45a. Breakfast will be provided, so we ask that you please register either through myMPBC or by contacting Jay Rivers at jrivers@capitalmc.com by Tuesday, September 10.

We Don't Want You to Miss Out!
Have you signed up to receive emails and updates from the church? Did you know that if you opt out of ONE email from us, you are not going to get ANY email from us? Maybe your email address changed and you forgot to let us know. We want to make sure that you are up-to-date on all that’s happening, because we have lots to share throughout the new church year! So, visit the "Connect With Us!" page on our website to get your name on our email lists! Have a specific list you want to be on, contact Amy Jones (ajones@myersparkbaptist.org or 704.334.7232 x 126) and she will take care of it! We also hope you will follow us on social media.
Awakening to Environmental Injustice | Launching September 22
Reconciling with the earth, Reconciling with each other, Reconciling with God
"The Lord God took Adam - made from the ground - and put him in the garden of Eden to serve, work, and worship the earth." Genesis 2:15

We are a people on a journey, and this fall, we eagerly invite you to join us on a voyage through an exploration of environmental injustices in our city, state, country, and beyond. From August 2019 to May 2020, we aim to explore how the mismanagement of natural and human-made resources are in direct relation to racism, class-ism, and disembodiment - how the misuse of our planet stems from a lack of seeing ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth as divine - sacred - holy. Find out more about the series on our website.

Save the date for this exciting event that will be part of our Awakening to Environmental Injustice series:

**Awakening Now! Featuring "Little Miss Flint"**
**Saturday, November 2 | Noon - 3:00p**
Join us this fall for our first ever intergenerational Awakening Forum, featuring Amaryanna "Mari" Cpeny, popularly known as "Little Miss Flint." In early 2016, the then 8-year-old from Flint, Michigan wrote a letter to President Obama, describing the unending plight of her community, which had been living with lead-contaminated water since 2014. Since then, Mari has fundraised over $500,000 with the nonprofit organization, "Pack Your Back," that has impacted over 25,000 children in Flint and beyond. Come and engage with local environmental justice organizations and initiatives, and hear what "Little Miss Flint" has to say about the ongoing crisis and how young people can get involved in justice movements around the country. This event is free and open to the public. All ages are encouraged to attend.

How did you learn about body image? Who told you the facts about life? Where was the church in all of this?

On September 27 and 28, we will host the SAFE Seminar, a workshop for parents, grandparents, educators, non-parents, all of us who are on this journey of faith together. The workshop is led by LeAnn Gardner, an ordained minister, a mom, a social worker, and a professional therapist. To get a sense of what you can expect, watch a short video on our website where LeAnn shares how SAFE came about and why she is so passionate about the topic.

**Intergenerational Family Retreat**
**February 28 - March 1, 2020**
We will be heading to the mountains for a weekend of sabbath and fellowship at Montreat Conference Center. We are excited to announce that our retreat leader will be Rev. Dana Trent, author of Saffron Cross, For Sabbath's Sake, Dessert First, and One Breath at a Time.

In his recent sermon "Don't Worry, Get Ready," Rev. Ben Boswell shared how meditation is being used across many groups including the military. Meditation is an essential spiritual practice for all ages. It lends itself well to intergenerational use - from children to older adults - because each can benefit from listening for God in order to cope with modern-day stress. Meditation can be adapted for anyone, from toddlers to nonagenarians. Much like sabbath, children often "teach" adults how to be present in their practice. They instinctively show a wise, imaginative willingness to try something without having to get it "right." Adults need this reminder: Meditation is a practice—not an exercise in perfection.

- Excerpt from One Breath at Time: A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Cornwell Center Wellness Seminar: Just A Dash**
**Tuesday, August 20 | Noon - 12:30p | Cornwell Lounge**
You will learn why your body only needs a dash of salt. Find out if there is too much salt in your body and what the symptoms are. How do you flush salt out of your body? What are the different types of salts and what effect do they have? Presenter: Humana Representative, John Vandervoot. This event is free.

**Hang Out with the Pastor**
**Tuesday, September 3 | 5:00p | The Common Market South End**
Enjoy the Labor Day holiday on Monday, then join us for our monthly hang out on Tuesday, September 3. We will return to the first Monday of each month in October at 5:00p at The Common Market in South End at 235 W. Tremont Avenue. All are invited to this casual time of fellowship! Bring the family, bring your appetite, or just come and hang out. There is something for everyone. We hope to see you there.

**Meditation With the Pastor**
**Wednesdays | 11:30a - Noon | Room 250**
Rev. Ben Boswell guides a weekly meditation on Wednesdays. This dedicated time begins with a word, poem, or insight pertaining to mindfulness, followed by peace, quiet, calm, clarity, and quite possibly a transformed life. Inhale, Exhale. Our lives rest in the balance of these simple actions. Come catch your breath with us.

**Rituals and Relationships**
School, work, sports, vacations, and more - our lives are full, and we are constantly moving. Taking time to talk can become challenging. Rituals and Relationships is designed to help families make space for this important time together. The topic for the week of August 19 will be "Rituals and Routines." This session of Rituals and Relationships will be emailed to you, posted on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page, and the Children's Ministry website page. For more information, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).
Stephen Ministry Is Here For You
Are you feeling stressed, lonely or depressed? Do you need support? We are here to help. Contact Rev. Ben Boswell.

SUNDAYS

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday, September 1 | 10a | Heaton Hall

10a WORSHIP
11a SERMON TALKBACK

Randy Franklin & the Sardines

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Mia McClain Preaching

Sunday, September 1
The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost | Rock and Roll Worship in the Round | Mia McClain Preaching - "Sweet Honey From A Rock" | Psalm 81

Join us on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend for a Diverse Worship experience as we welcome back Randy Franklin and the Sardines to lead the musical portion of our worship. Mia McClain will be preaching. To top off the wonderful morning of worship, stay for TalkBack and interact with Mia about the sermon of the day. This will be our final TalkBack for the summer.

Sermon TalkBack in Person and Online

We continue our tradition of Sermon TalkBack following worship. We are excited to also offer online TalkBack. Rev. Ben Boswell will field questions from both those present in Heaton Hall and those who will be able to tune in online and send in their questions through the MPBC Facebook page. Our goal is to provide TalkBack to everyone who wishes to participate, even if they can't be onsite. So, join the conversation!

Summer Sunday Morning Yoga

On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornwall Center's Group Exercise Studio. This gentler, slower paced practice makes it more accessible for people of all sizes, ages, and fitness levels. It assists with stress management and restoration of the mind, body, and soul while creating an atmosphere of safety and comfort that fosters self-esteem and body awareness. Childcare is available in Room 107.

Children's Summer Worship

Children begin worship with the congregation and leave after the Passing of the Peace. Children's Ministry leaders will accompany children to Room 3 in the Sanctuary Basement to sing songs, to learn about the Bible, and to interact with the text in new, enlightening ways. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

SCHEDULE

Looking for Our Schedule of Activities and Meetings?
An always-current calendar is available on our website, through myMPBC, and on the ChurchLife App (find out how to get the app by searching "Member Directory" on our website).
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 God’s 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 to nurture this Church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in this 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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