

# THE OCEAN PARK TEMPLE ORDER OF WORSHIP



OCEAN PARK MAINE  
143<sup>rd</sup> SEASON  
1881-2023

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July 23, 2023

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**THE TEMPLE**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

FIFTH SUNDAY  
JULY 23, 2023

143<sup>RD</sup> SEASON  
10:30 AM

WELCOME

**The Gathering**

THE PRELUDE

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

arr. Bill Ingram  
Temple Bells, conducted by Dan Evans

**The Service of Praise**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all Blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**All: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "sins")

\*HYMN OF PRAISE  
AND THANKSGIVING

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Hatch/Jackson

**The Service of the Word**

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15: 11-20

Amy Smith

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

(NRSV)

ANTHEM

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51:10-13)*

Carl F. Mueller  
Temple Choir, directed by Jerry Scheinfeldt

THE MORNING PRAYER

Brad Smith



## PLATFORM GUESTS

**REV. MICHAEL WALKER**

**SERMON**

*"Those who cannot increase you will inevitably decrease you,"* Epictetus aptly stated centuries ago. As a life giving spirit, Michael Wayne Walker nurtures the conditions for people to increase. Through offering vision, hope and analysis, his work demonstrates a critical posture that challenges people toward personal and structural transformation.

The wit of Michael Walker builds mutually affirming relationships and greets the child within every person, in fact daily Walker takes time to giggle and affirm the child within himself. His favorite day is Friday, the thirteenth. His favorite poem is "We Are the Young Magicians," by Ruth Forman. His favorite sacred text is Ecclesiastes 10:19.

As an exegete of scripture and society, Walker helps people develop their comic vision and laugh life. Walker was the Administrative Minister of the Messiah Baptist Church of Brockton for 35 years. During this time, he never saw a toy or playful person that he didn't like.

Walker is a financial advisor that helps families implement actionable steps that one can take that will provide a known result and take key retirement risks off the table. With an educational background that starts at St. Mark's School of Texas and culminates at Harvard, Walker's doctorate is in African American Religious Thought.

Determined to assist a low-income community turn nickels into dollars, in the spirit of Maggie Lena Walker, along with the people of Messiah Baptist Church, Michael Wayne Walker started a Credit Union in 1983 that is still one of only two African American owned and operated financial institutions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to this day.

Along with his wife, Paulette Abney-Walker, Walker says that his mentors are his grandsons, Jonathan Nyrobi Harris, Cruz Michael Harris, and Aiden Keith Harris.

When asked to describe himself he says, "Michael Wayne Walker is ... a fool for the Lord."

**AMY SMITH  
BRAD SMITH**

**SCRIPTURE  
PRAYER**

Enjoying his 70th summer in Ocean Park, Dr. Brad Smith retired in May as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. A licensed psychologist in private practice and ordained American Baptist minister, Brad holds a Master of Divinity degree and PhDs in Education and Clinical Psychology. He researches, speaks, and writes on the role of the church in promoting global mental health.

Dr. Amy Rex Smith, RN, retired in May as Professor and Dean of the School of Nursing of Belhaven University. She previously taught nursing for twenty years at the University of Massachusetts - Boston.

Amy received her PhD from the University of California - Los Angeles.

She has been coming to Ocean Park since she and Brad began dating in 1973. She researches, speaks, and writes in the area of spirituality and health and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Christian Nursing. She enjoys silent retreats and singing in the Ocean Park Temple Choir.

Amy and Brad have a son, Nate, a daughter-in-law Beth, and two grandchildren--fifth generation Ocean Parkers. Their cottage on Temple Avenue is conveniently located for short walks to choir rehearsal.

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# 295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn. 20:22

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the

life a - new, that I may love what  
heart is pure, un - til my will is  
whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly  
nev - er die, but live with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
one with thine, to do and to en - dure.  
part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1894; desc. Donald P. Hustad, 1989  
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TRENTHAM  
S.M.

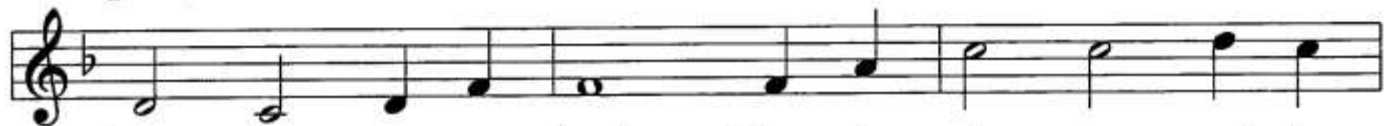
# 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep-est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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BEACH SPRING

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# Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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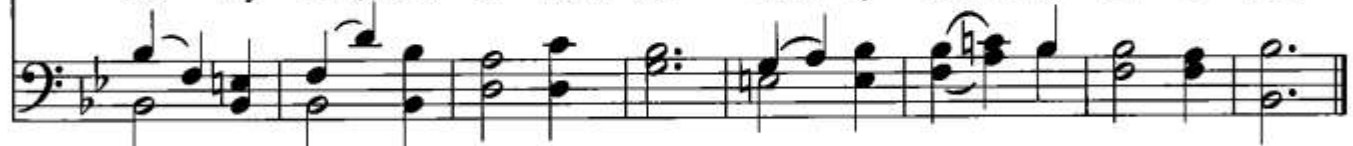
*Samuel Longfellow, 1864; alt.*



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.



Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it from its night.  
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.  
Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.  
Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.



*Louis Moreau Gottschalk was the first American musician to be acclaimed at home and abroad as a virtuoso pianist and gifted composer, often incorporating folk and popular tunes into his own concert music. Mercy was arranged from his piano composition, "The Last Hope."*

Tune: MERCY 7.7.7.7.  
*Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867*  
*Arr. Edwin Parker, 1888*

Music Director: Jerry Scheinfeldt  
Organist: Jerry Scheinfeldt  
Pianist: Eric Larson  
Head Usher: Pamela Savage  
Sound Engineer: Jesse Grace  
Temple Bell Choir Director: Sue Evans  
Temple Brass Choir Director: Dan Evans  
Temple Choir Director: Jerry Scheinfeldt

*Activity Packets* are available from the ushers for those children who attend the service, and contain quiet, worship-oriented activities.

Meet the Preacher immediately after the service at the front of the Temple.

Fellowship Time following the service in the Grove between Porter Hall and the Temple.

(In the event of rain, Fellowship Time will take place in Porter Hall)

*Greet old friends      Meet new friends*

Bell Choir Rehearsals: Sundays 8:00 am

Temple Brass Rehearsals: Sundays 9:00 am

Temple Choir Rehearsals: Saturdays 5:30 pm and Sundays 9:30 am

(Please see Jerry, Sue or Dan for further information)

The Temple Choir Concert: The Choir Concert will be presented on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals start on August 7 and continue weekday evenings as noted in the Ocean Park booklet. Please see Jerry, Sue or Dan if you would like to participate or for further information.

The Williams Sound System: This system aids the hearing impaired and is available from the ushers. It can be used in the Temple, while seated on the benches outside, or in a car.

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Mission Statement: The purpose of the Ocean Park Association is to affirm the traditions and spiritual heritage of which we are heirs, through a summer assembly program where Christian worship, principles and ideals are at the focus; where diversity is celebrated and the dignity of all is embraced and respected; where the natural beauty of our seaside resort is conserved and enhanced; and where programs centered on religion, education, recreation and culture provide opportunities for individual growth and family enrichment.

Temple History: The Temple was built by Free Will Baptists during a six-week period in the summer of 1881; it was dedicated on August 2<sup>nd</sup> of that year, which was also the first day of the Assembly Program in Ocean Park. The octagonal structure represents an architectural style popular at the time. It seats up to 750 people, and is the site of most cultural events.

The Temple is open weekday mornings for meditation and observation.

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### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Historical Room in Porter Hall is open from 11:30-12:40 after the service this morning.