



Jesus Loves Me, Varnette Honeywood, 1983

The Worship of God
The 6th Sunday of Epiphany
Black History Month
February 11, 2024 | 10:00a

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.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

J. Kevin Gray, pianist

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*Opening Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

See pages 6 and 7.
LIFT EVERY VOICE

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Carrie Veal

If you are our guest today, please fill out the pew card or scan the QR code so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.

*Passing of the Peace

Gospel Reading – Luke 18: 9-14 NRSV

Ron Diaz

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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.

**As the music begins, 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.
They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Children’s Worship leaders.
Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11 -11:15.**

Special Music

“Pass Me Not”

Voices of Life Fellowship Chorale
Fanny Crosby

Sermon

“Worship in the Wild”

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Special Music

“More than Anything”

Voices of Life Fellowship Chorale

Lamar Campbell

Church at Prayer

Rev. John Blackshire, PhD

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

Rev. Carrie Veal

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory Anthem

“I Am God ”

Voices of Life Fellowship Chorale

Donald Lawrence

***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 host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

***Closing Hymn**

“I Came Today, Free to Worship”

J. Kevin Gray

inspired by Up Above My Head, I Hear Music in the Air

Solo:

I came today, free to worship, free to worship, free to worship.
Came today, free to worship.
I'll clap my hands.
I'll stomp my feet.
I'll yell out Lord, your grace sweet.
How can I sit and not praise you God?

All:

I came today, free to worship, free to worship, free to worship.
Came today, free to worship.
I'll clap my hands.
I'll stomp my feet.
I'll yell out Lord, your grace sweet.
How can I sit and not praise you God? *[Repeat]*

Up above my head, I hear music in the air.
Up above my head, I hear music in the air.
Up above my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God Somewhere!

Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Postlude

Voices of Life Fellowship Chorale

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, Eric Roberts, and volunteers.



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Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.

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GLAD YOU
ARE HERE**

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in one easy step.

Learn more about us
and how to get
involved.

Just point the camera
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QR Code to access
the items listed here.



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- **GUESTS**
- **GIVE**
- **PRAY**
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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - 'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast, by thy might, led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

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Irregular
 LIFT EVERY VOICE

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee,

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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 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.

OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell

Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

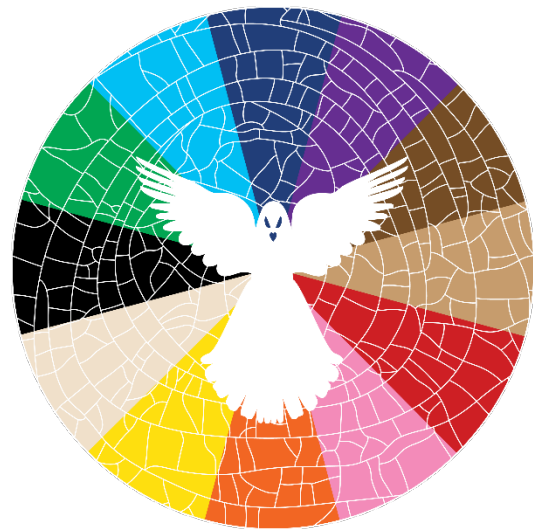
Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship



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Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

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