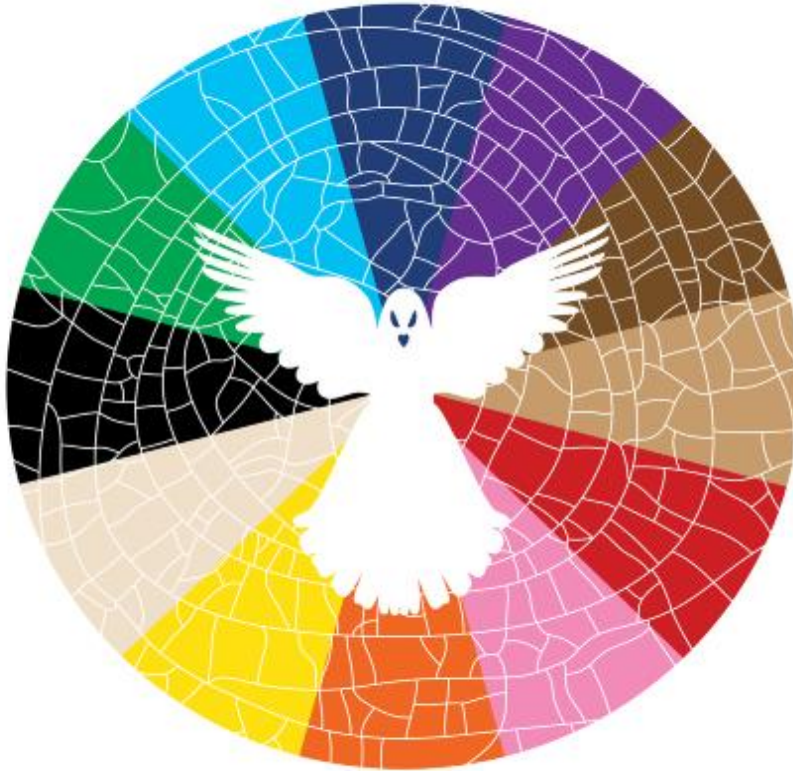


OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 4th Sunday of Pentecost

June 16, 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.

*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

“Come Together”

Randy Franklin and the Sardines
John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Here come old flat-top, he come grooving up slowly,
he got ju-ju eyeball, he one holy roller,
he got hair down to his knee,
got to be a joker, he just do what he please.

He wear no shoeshine, he got toe-jam football,
he got monkey finger, he shoot coca-cola,
he say, “I know you, you know me,”
one thing I can tell you is you got to be free.

Refrain:

Come together, right now,
over me.

He bag production, he got walrus gumboot,
he got ono sideboard, he one spinal cracker,
he got feet down below his knee,
hold you in his armchair, you can feel his disease. *[Refrain]*

He roller-coaster, he got early warnin’,
he got muddy water, he one mojo filter,
he say, “One and one and one is three,”
got to be good-lookin’, ’cause he’s so hard to see. *[Refrain]*

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

***Opening Song**

“For What It’s Worth”

Stephen Stills

There's something happening here,
but what it is ain't exactly clear.
There's a man with a gun over there,
telling me I got to beware.
I think it's time we stop.
Children, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?

There's battle lines being drawn.
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong.
Young people speaking their minds.
Getting so much resistance from behind.
It's time we stop
Hey, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?

What a field day for the heat,
a thousand people in the street.
Singing songs and they carrying signs,
mostly say, "Hooray for our side."
It's time we stop.
Hey, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?

Paranoia strikes deep,
into your life it will creep.
It starts when you're always afraid,
step out of line, the men come and take you away.
We better stop.
Hey, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?

You better stop.
Hey, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?
You better stop.
Now, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?
You better stop.
Children, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down?

Welcome of Our Guests

J. Kevin Gray

*If you are our guest today, please text "guest" to 980.340.8900
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

*Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading—James 2:14 – 26 (NRSV)

Phil Lesser

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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 song 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.**

***Sermon Song**

"Heart of Gold"

Neil Young

I want to live, I want to give,
I've been a miner for a heart of gold,
it's these expressions I never give
that keep me searchin' for a heart of gold
and I'm gettin' old.
Keep me searchin' for a heart of gold
and I'm gettin' old.

I've been to Hollywood, I've been to Redwood,
I crossed the ocean for a heart of gold.
I've been in my mind, it's such a fine line
that keeps me searchin' for a heart of gold
and I'm gettin' old.
Keeps me searchin' for a heart of gold
and I'm gettin' old.

Keep me searchin' for a heart of gold,
You keep me searchin' and I'm growing old.
Keep me searchin' for a heart of gold.
I've been a miner for a heart of gold.

Sermon

Rev. Katie Suddeth

"Come Together"

Musical Reflection

"Teach Your Children Well"

Graham Nash

You who are on the road,
must have a code that you can live by
and so become yourself
because the past is just a good-bye.

Refrain:

Teach your children well,
their father's hell did slowly go by,
and feed them on your dreams,
the one they picks, the one you'll know by.
Don't you ever ask them why, if they told you, you will cry,
so just look at them and sigh
and know they love you.

And you, of tender years,
can't know the fears that your elders grew by,
and so please help them with your youth,
they seek the truth before they can die. *[Refrain]*

Church at Prayer

Rev. 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

J. Kevin Gray

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below, go to pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist,
or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

"The Weight"

Robert Robertson

I pulled into Nazareth, was feelin' about half past dead.
I just need some place where I can lay my head.
"Hey, mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?"
He just grinned and shook my hand, "No" was all he said.

Refrain:

Take a load off Fanny.
Take a load for free.
Take a load off Fanny.
And you put the load right on me.

I picked up my bag, I went lookin' for a place to hide.
When I saw Carmen and the Devil walkin' side by side.
I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on let's go downtown."
She said, "I gotta go but my friend can stick around." [Refrain]

Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothin' you can say.
It's just ol' Luke and Luke's waitin' on the Judgment Day.
"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"
He said, "Do me a favor, son, won'tcha stay and keep Anna Lee company?" [Refrain]

Crazy Chester followed me and he caught me in the fog.
He said, "I will fix your rack if you'll take Jack, my dog."
I said, "Wait a minute, Chester, you know I'm a peaceful man."
He said, "That's okay, boy, won't you feed him when you can." [Refrain]

Catch a cannon ball now to take me down the line.
My bag is sinkin' low and I do believe it's time.
To get back to Miss Fanny, you know she's the only one.
Who sent me here with her regards for everyone. [Refrain]

*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.**

***Closing Song**

“Feeling all Right”

Dave Mason

Seems I've got to have a change of scene,
every night I have the strangest dream.
Imprisoned by the way it could have been,
left here on my own or so it seems.
I've got to leave before I start to scream
but someone locked the door and took the key.

You're feelin' alright?
I'm not feelin' too good myself.
Yes sir, you're feelin' alright?
I'm not feelin' that good myself.

Well boy, you sure took me for one big ride
and even now I sit and I wonder why
that when I think of you I start myself to cry.
I just can't waste my time, I must get by,
gotta stop believin' in all your lies
'cause there's too much to do before I die.

Hey, you're feelin' alright?
I'm not feelin' too good myself
Oh no, you're feelin' alright?
I'm not feelin' too good little girl.

Mmm, don't you get too lost in all I say,
yeah, but at the time you know I really felt that way
but that was then, and now you know it's today.
I can't escape, so I guess I'm here to stay
until someone comes along and takes my place, yeah
with a different name, whoa, and a different face.

You're feelin' alright?
I'm not feelin' that good myself, yeah.
Ah, you're feelin' alright? Let them know it.
Yeah, I'm not feelin' that good myself.

Whoa, you're feelin' alright now?
Yeah, I'm not feelin' that good myself.
Yeah (feelin' alright?)
Well, I know that.
But I'm not feelin' good myself.
You can tell the world you're feelin' alright.
Yeah, I'm not feelin' too good myself I tell you.
Oh, you're feelin' alright now?
Hey, I'm not feelin' too good this morning.

Postlude

"Long as I Can See the Light"

Refrain:

Put a candle in the window
'cause I feel I've got to move.
Though I'm going, going,
I'll be coming home soon,
long as I can see the light.

Pack my bag and let's get moving
'cause I'm bound to drift a while.
Though I'm gone, gone,
you don't have to worry, no
long as I can see the light.

Guess I've got that old traveling bone
'cause this feeling won't leave me alone.
But I won't, won't,
be losing my way, no, no,
long as I can see the light. *[Refrain]*

John Cameron Fogerty

***Following worship, please join us for
Sermon TalkBack at 11:15a in the Sanctuary.***

***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.



Randy Franklin and the Sardines:
Randy Franklin, guitar and vocal
Ed Leitch, lead guitar
Keith Shamel, lead guitar
Steve Foley, bass and vocal
Donnie Dover, piano and vocal
Tom Thomas, drums and vocal
Nitara Reaves, vocals



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To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at
mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org.

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ARE HERE**

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in one easy stop.



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.

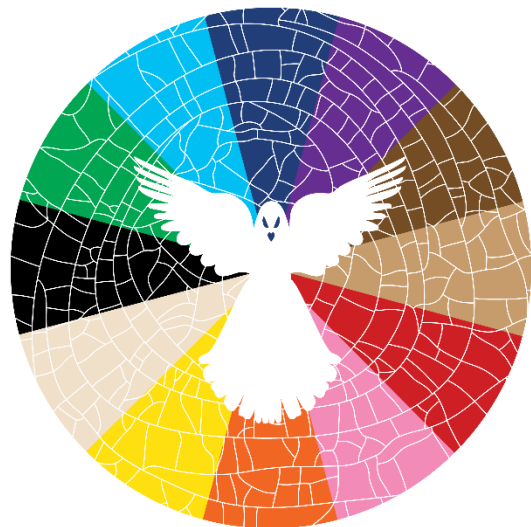
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