

# OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

July 7, 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.*

## **Prelude**

“Processional and Trumpet Tune”

Lee Northcutt, organ  
CWM RHONDDA

## **Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Katie Suddeth

## **\*Opening Hymn**

“This Is My Song”

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## **Welcome of Our Guests**

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*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**

## **The Gospel Reading - Mark 13:1-13 NRSV**

Rev. Dr. Jerry Warmath

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

“As for yourselves, beware, for they will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. 10 And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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

“For the Healing of the Nations” stanzas 1, 2 and 4

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### Sermon

“Do Not Be Led Astray”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### Musical Reflection

J. Kevin Gray

### Church at Prayer

Rev. Tara Gibbs

### 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. Tara Gibbs

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



### Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Now Let us All Praise God and Sing”

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemers praise;  
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.

*Refrain:*

Sing alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise God forever.  
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise God forever.  
Sing of God's righteousness, praise God forever!

So, let us all praise God and sing our great redeemers praise;  
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. *[Refrain]*

### \*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**All Earthly things, all things above,  
Sing praise for God's amazing love.  
In one great chorus, all your days,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit praise! Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH  
text: Paula W. M. Testerman

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Katie Suddeth

### \*Closing Hymn

“Draw the Circle Wide”

soloist, J. Kevin Gray

words: Gordon Light, music: J. Kevin Gray

All:

Draw the cir - cle wide, my friends. Draw it wi - der still.

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Let this be our song no one stands a-lone, when we're side by side, draw the cir - cle wide.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Solo:

God the still point of the circle, round whom all creation turns,  
nothing lost but held together in God's gracious arms.

All:

Draw the circle wide, my friends. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
when we're side by side, draw the circle wide.

Solo:

Let our hearts touch far horizons so encompass great and small.  
Let our loving know no borders faithful to God's call.

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### Postlude

“Rejoice in Celebration”

Lee Northcutt, organ  
arr. G. Macchia


***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.***

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and honor  
of Farnum and Mattie Mae Gray by their family.*

Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,  
Hannah Combs, Eric Roberts, and volunteers.



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### **HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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. Marina Luckhoo at [mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org).

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# This Is My Song



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



A song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 And sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 Your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 And skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 And hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions.



With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 A song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 My - self I give you; let your will be done.



## For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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## 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

**Rev. Katie Suddeth**

Interim Associate Minister

**Rev. Marina Luckhoo**

Interim Associate Minister



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*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](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).*

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