

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 8th Sunday of Pentecost

July 14, 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

J. Kevin Gray, piano

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Opening Song

“Goodness of God”

Shanka Pettis, soloist
Fielding, Johnson, Cash, Ingram

I love you Lord, oh your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life you have been faithful,
all my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice; you have led me through the fire.
In the darkest night, you are close like no other.
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend,
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me,
with my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me.

All:

**All my life you have been faithful,
all my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Katie Suddeth

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Passing of the Peace

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

Valarie Kovolski

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Shanka Pettis

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Civilla D. Martin & Charles H. Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged,
and why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely,
and long for heav’n and home,
when Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he:
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

I sing because I’m happy,
I sing because I’m free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Sermon

Rev. Terry J. Stokes

“Whose Image Is This?”

Musical Reflection

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all;
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. [*Refrain*]

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. [*Refrain*]

Shanka Pettis
Judson W. Van Deventer

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

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

*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

Shanka Pettis and J. Kevin Gray
Kirk Franklin

“My World Needs You”

Show me your face,
fill up this space, my world needs you right now,
my world needs you right now.
I can't escape, being afraid,
fill me with you right now,
my world needs you right now.

Power fall down,
bring with it a sound,
that points us to you right now,
erase substitutes right now.
Fix what I see and God please fix me.
My world needs you right now,
let us see you right now.

Jesus!

Storms may come,
but when we call your name all things change.
Kingdoms fall one thing forever reigns is your name.

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**
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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Katie Suddeth

***Closing Hymn**

“God Be with You”
God be with you,
God be with you,
God be with you,
until we meet again. *[Repeat]*

Thomas A. Dorsey

Benediction

Rev. Terry J. Stokes

Postlude


J. Kevin Gray, piano

***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.



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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.



The graphic is a vertical rectangle divided into two main sections. The left section has a light green background and contains the text: "WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE" in bold blue letters, followed by a horizontal line, "Connect with us in one easy step." in bold blue letters, "Learn more about us and how to get involved." in smaller blue letters, and "Just point the camera on your phone at the QR Code to access the items listed here." in smaller blue letters. At the bottom of this section is a line drawing of a church building. The right section has a dark blue background and contains a large QR code at the top, followed by a list of items: "EVENTS", "GUESTS", "GIVE", "PRAY", and "WEBSITE", each preceded by a small white circle. At the bottom of the right section, the text "MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. A horizontal bar with various colored segments (black, green, blue, purple, brown, red, pink, orange, yellow) runs across the bottom of the graphic, separating the two main sections.

God Be with You



God be with you, God be with you,



God be with you un-til we meet a-gain.



God be with you, God be with you,



God be with you un-til we meet a-gain.

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

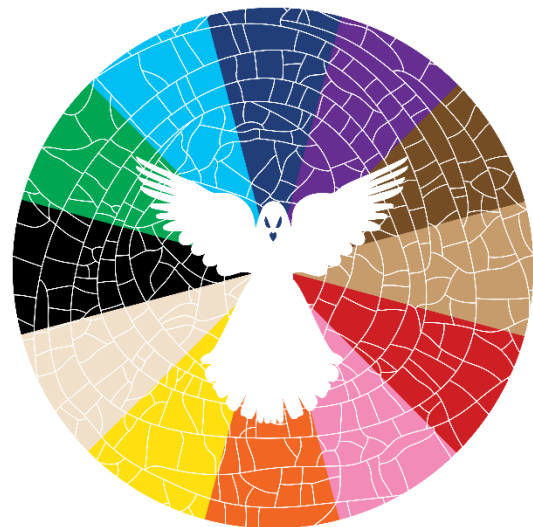
Minister of Music & Worship

Rev. Katie Suddeth

Interim Associate Minister

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