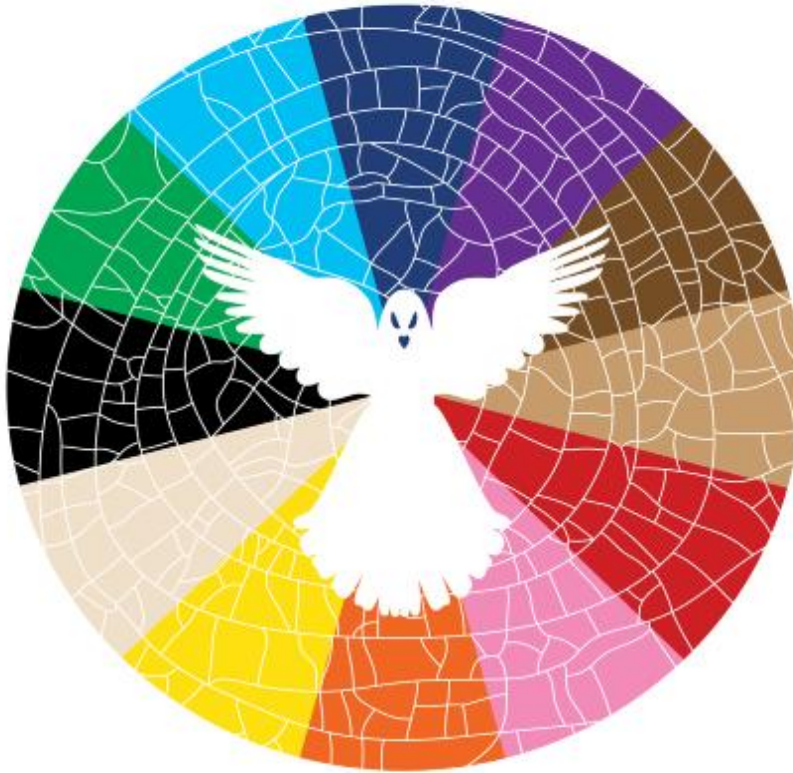


OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 9th Sunday of Pentecost

July 21st, 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 birth – kindergarten in room 107 located in the Education Building (behind the Sanctuary). Please see a greeter for more information. Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

Jane Cain, organ

David Schelat

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Katie Suddeth

*Opening Hymn

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM



The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -

change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with -

her - it - age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
out re - serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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

Epistle – Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSV)

Katherine Richards

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So, he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to God. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 Hymn

“O God Each Day You Bless Us”

LANCASHIRE

O God, each day you bless us with gifts of your shalom:
you give us peace and justice, you welcome lost one’s home.
You care for your creation and set your people free;
you offer us salvation and build community.

We’ll worship, pray and study, to learn new skills for peace;
we’ll work as one strong body so justice will increase.
We’ll build new global friendships, seek peace in every land,
protect the earth you gave us and give with outstretched hand.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Preaching Peace”

Church at Prayer

Rev. Katie Suddeth

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.

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

“All Good Gifts”

David Young
from Godspell, Stephen Schwartz

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us,
are sent from Heaven above,
so thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee then, God, for all things bright and good.
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!

All good gifts around us,
are sent from Heaven above,
so thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all her love.

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

*Closing Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

See pages 6 and 7.
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Jane Cain, organ
Robert Hobby

*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.


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Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With

God our cre - a - tor, we are fam - i - ly.

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

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WORLD PEACE

C B7 Em B7 G7

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: to

C Caug F Bdim7 F D7 Fm6

take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

C E7 F C F Dm7 G7 C

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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

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