

OPEN TO ALL



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

The 13th Sunday of Pentecost | Pride Sunday

August 18, 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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Linda McKechnie, Piano

arr. McKechnie

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Katie Suddeth

***Opening Hymn**

“All Are Welcome ”

See page 6.

Marty Haugen

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**

Epistle Scripture – Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSV)

Mark Chatman

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day is breaking.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ So he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ Then the man said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.’ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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 (please remain seated for this song)

“God is Love”

J. Kevin Gray

Musical score for "God is Love" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: "God is love. God teach - es love." The second staff starts with a measure rest labeled "5". The melody is: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). The lyrics are: "If you do not fol - low this then you do not fol-low God." Chords are indicated above the notes: G, D, Em, C, G, D, G, D, Em, G, C, D, G.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Struggling for Resurrection”

Musical Reflection

J. Kevin Gray
as recorded by the Many

“We Stand with Love”

We’ve all been hurt, and yes, we feel confused.
 So much is wrong but is there anything we can do.
 Where is the hope when there is so much pain?
 So much is broken, can it be whole again?
 We can just sit in this place and long for better days.
 We can just sit in this place alone.
 Or we can stand, stand together with love.

Refrain:

We stand. We stand.
 We’re gonna stand with love.
 We’re gonna stand with love.
 We stand with love.

Let us not sit in judgement or only bow in prayer.
 Let us not leave in anger or stay in our despair.
 Let us not sit in judgement or only bow in prayer.
 Let us not leave in anger or stay in our despair.

By the grace of God, let us stand together with love. [*Refrain x 2*]

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. Katie Suddeth

There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below, text 1900Q to 73256,
or drop your offering in the plate.



Offertory Anthem

“True Colors”

You with the sad eyes, don't be discouraged
oh, I realize it's hard to take courage.
In a world full of people, you can lose sight of it all,
and the darkness inside you makes you feel so small.

Refrain:

But I see your true colors shining through.
I see your true colors, and that's why I love you.
So don't be afraid to let them show.
Your true colors, true colors, are beautiful, like a rainbow.

Show me a smile then don't be unhappy,
can't remember when I last saw you laughing.
If this world makes you crazy,
and you've taken all you can bare; you call me up
because you know I'll be there. [*Refrain*]

Chancel Choir
Tom Kelly and Billy Steinberg

*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

“Be The Change”

See page 7.
arr. Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Linda McKechnie, piano
arr. Linda McKechnie

***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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ARE HERE**

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in one easy step.

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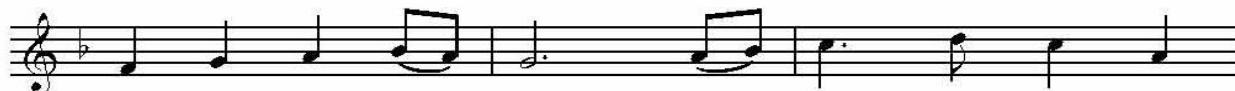
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All Are Welcome



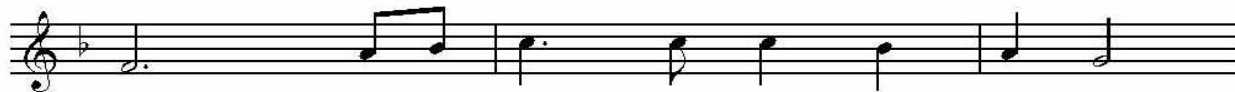
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and streng
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ure,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Be the Change

Words adapted from Gandhi (attr.)

Music by Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt

Jersey City, NJ | 2010

Steady (♩ = 88)

Melody

1. Be the change _____ you want to see in the world, be the change
 2. Be the voice _____ you want to hear in the world, be the voice
 3. Be the light _____ you want to shine in the world, be the light

Harmony

C/G

_____ you want to see in the world, be the change _____ you want to
 _____ you want to hear in the world, be the voice _____ you want to
 _____ you want to shine in the world, be the light _____ you want to

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see in the world,
 hear in the world,
 shine in the world, } and change will come _____ to you. _____

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

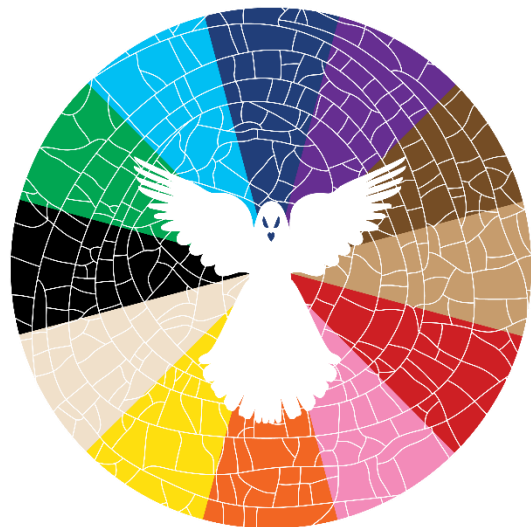
Minister of Music & Worship

Rev. Katie Suddeth

Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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