



The Worship of God  
**The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**  
 November 24, 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 the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (On upstairs level). Please see a greeter for more information.  
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

### **Prelude**

“Prelude on THAXTED”

Lee Northcutt, organist  
Charles Callahan

### **Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“Giving God, We Pause and Wonder”  
Giving God, we pause and wonder:  
what would happen if we tithed —  
if we gave our gifts, Creator,  
hearts and hands all opened wide?  
We might learn, by gladly sharing,  
not to trust in things we own  
but to risk — it's part of caring —  
and to trust in you alone.

HYMN TO JOY  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

We could do abundant mission,  
sharing Christ who claims and frees.  
We could reach out with  
new vision in creative ministries.  
No more bound by limitations  
of what churches can't afford,  
we could learn with jubilation  
whole new ways to serve you, Lord.

Humbly on your strength relying,  
we could build a thousand schools;  
we could feed a million orphans  
and give countless farmers tools.  
As we gladly shared your blessings,  
then the world might want to know:  
"See! How loving are those Christians!  
Who's the One who makes them so?"

### **Welcome of Our Guests**

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below  
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

Rev. Marina Luckhoo



## \*Passing of the Peace

### Moment for Stewardship

Jenny and Matt Martella

### Gospel Reading – Mark 10:17-25

Mileah Johnson

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of 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, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

“You Can’t Beat God’s Giving”

Emil Foster, Soloist

Doris Akers

Solo:

You can't beat God's giving,  
no matter how you try,  
and just as sure as you are living,  
and the Lord is in heaven on high,  
the more you give,  
the more God lives in you.  
Just keep on giving,  
because it's really true,  
that you can't beat God's giving,  
no matter how you try.

**All:**

**You can't beat God's giving,  
no matter how you try,  
and just as sure as you are living,  
and the Lord is in heaven on high,  
the more you give,  
the more God lives in you.  
Just keep on giving,  
because it's really true,  
that you can't beat God's giving,  
no matter how you try.**



## Sermon

"The Invitation to Costly Grace"

Rev. Katie Suddeth

## Musical Reflection

J. Kevin Gray

## 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

Scott Crowder

*You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or dropping your offering in the plate.*



## Offertory Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

Chancel Choir  
Arr. Carlton Young

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart;  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
O still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

## Dedication of Pledges and Commitments

*All are invited to come forward to offer their financial commitment for the 2025 church year by placing a pledge card in the basket on the altar. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and online. Please join us in this embodied act of worship even if you have already submitted your pledge.*

## \*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**

Ray Owens

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Be The Change”

See page 7.  
Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt

**Benediction**

Rev. Katie Suddeth

**Postlude**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Lee Northcutt  
J.S. Bach, Arr. Virgil Fox

*If you are our guest today, please connect with a  
minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.*



*The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon Cornwell, Sr. 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. Carrie Veal at [cveal@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org)



# 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 G Cadd9 Am7

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

B7 Em Am7 C/D G

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

## 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**

Associate Minister

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**J. Kevin Gray**

Minister of Music & Worship

**Eva Bender**

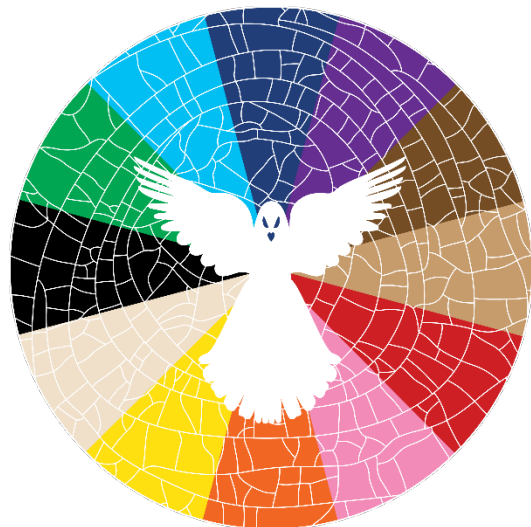
Chief Operating Officer

**Rev. Katie Suddeth**

Interim Associate Minister

**Rev. Marina Luckhoo**

Interim Associate Minister



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BAPTIST  
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Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

*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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