

The Worship of God

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

January 19, 2025 | 10:00a



**MYERS PARK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

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**

“Elegy”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist  
William Grant Still

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

See pages 6 and 7.  
LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

**Welcome of Our Guests**

Rev. Carrie Veal

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



**\*Passing of the Peace**

**The Hebrew Scripture – 1 Samuel 1:9 (NIV)**

McKenzie Coleman, Choir Member

Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s house.

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 Shaina Hinds, Director of Children’s Ministries, and leaders. Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11-11:15. For those staying through Spiritual Growth, please pick up children in the childcare room at noon.**

**\*Sermon Hymn**

“We Shall Overcome”

Charles Albert Tindley, Zilphia Horton

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome someday; Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe we shall overcome someday.

We’ll walk hand in hand, we’ll walk hand in hand,  
we’ll walk hand in hand someday; Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe we’ll walk hand in hand someday.

We shall all be free, we shall all be free,  
we shall all be free someday; Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe we shall all be free someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
we are not afraid today; Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe we are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
we shall live in peace someday; Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe we shall live in peace someday.

### Sermon

“The Fierce Urgency of Now”

Rev. Dr. Libya BaaQar

### Song of Response

“I Don’t Know About You”

Solo:

Well, I don't know about you, but I've been changed for the good,  
changed for the good, changed for the good.

Well, I don't know about you, but I've been changed for the good,  
since I started following Jesus Christ.

Well, I don't know about you, but my feet are ready to move,  
ready to move, ready to move.

Well, I don't know about you, but my feet are ready to move,  
since I started following Jesus Christ.

Well, I don't know about you, but I see there's work left to do,  
work left to do; work left to do.

Well, I don't know about you, but I see there's work left to do,  
since I started following Jesus Christ.

**All:**

**Well, I don't know about you, but I've been changed for the good,  
changed for the good, changed for the good.**

**Well, I don't know about you, but I've been changed for the good,  
since I started following Jesus Christ.**

Emil Foster, Soloist  
J. Kevin Gray

### Invitation to Silent Reflection

Rev. Carrie Veal

### Church at Prayer

### 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

Nancy Culp, Deacon

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



### Offertory Anthem

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, through the storm,  
through the night, lead me on to the light:

*Refrain:*

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Chancel Choir  
arr. Jack Shrader

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone; hear my cry,  
hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: [Refrain]

**\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures, here below. Alleluia. Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Tony Dick, Deacon

**\*Closing Hymn**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

See page 5.  
CVM RHONDA

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Libya BaaQar

**Postlude**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist  
Adolphus Hailstork

*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 honor of Christa A. Overcash and in loving memory of Reece A. Overcash, Jr. by Belvie and Kay Jenkins, the Alice Jenkins Cookson family, and the Carter Jenkins family.*



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



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- **BIBLE BASICS 2.0**  
Led by Rev. Carrie Veal  
Room 254 (above the Church Offices)
- **BRAIDING SWEETGRASS BOOK STUDY**  
Led by Sophia Bartholomew  
January 12 & 19  
Room 250 (above the Church Offices)
- **FAITH & COMMUNITY**  
Led by Bruce Elliott  
Shalom Hall (downstairs under Heaton Hall)
- **SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**  
Led by Rev. Marina Luckhoo  
Library (off of Heaton Hall Foyer)





# 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.

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MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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# Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## 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.

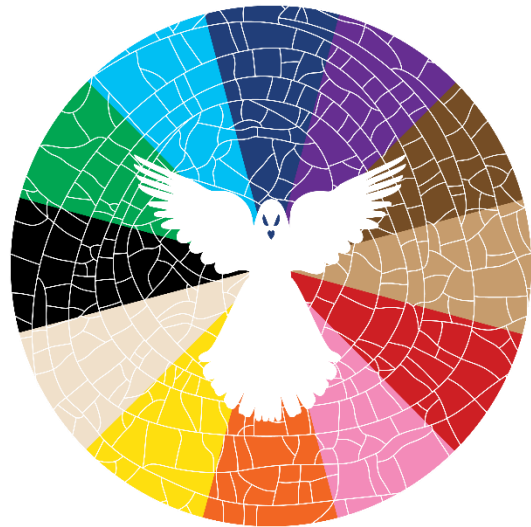
### OUR MINISTERS

**Rev. Carrie Veal**  
Associate Minister

**J. Kevin Gray**  
Minister of Music & Worship

**Eva Bender**  
Chief Operating Officer

**Rev. Marina Luckhoo**  
Interim Associate Minister



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