



Jesus Loves Me, Varnette Honeywood, 1983

The Worship of God

**The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Black History Month**

February 2, 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

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Carrie Veal

***Opening Hymn**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

See pages 6 and 7.
LIFT EVERY VOICE

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**

Scripture – John 15:5, 8 and 15 (NRSV)

Rev. Victoria Yeghoyan, Congregant

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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 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**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Verse 1: Soloist, Emil Foster; **Verse 2: All**

See page 5.
WALK WITH ME

Sermon

“Got Fruit?”

Rev. Leah Jackson, Esq.

Musical Reflection

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”
Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we’re shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

J. Kevin Gray
BEACH SPRING

Invitation to Silent Reflection

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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

Ryan LaPrade, Deacon

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



Offertory Anthem

“Give Me Jesus”
In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world but give me Jesus.

O, when I am alone, O, when I am alone,
O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

From depths of sin I cry, from depths of sin I cry,
from depths of sin I cry, give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die,
O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world but give me Jesus.

Chancel Choir
arr. Tom Fettke

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**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.**

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*Prayer of Dedication

Ryan LaPrade, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ Service”

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus, new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

Benediction

Rev. Leah Jackson, Esq.

Postlude

“Ain’t That Good News”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
arr. Marianne Kim

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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- **BIBLE BASICS 2.0**
Led by Rev. Carrie Veal – Room 254 (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)
- **STUDY OF BROKEN GROUND PODCAST SERIES**
Led by Members of MOJO Environmental Justice Group – Room 255 (above the Church Offices)

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



I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Solo: 1. I want Je - sus to walk with me,
All: 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

I want Je - sus to walk with me,
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When the shades of life are fall - ing,

Lord, I want
Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: Negro Spiritual
Tune: WALK WITH ME, 88 8 9; Negro Spiritual; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

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 us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

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

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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

Rev. Marina Luckhoo
Interim Associate Minister



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We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact [Laura Geer](mailto:Laura.Geer@myersparkbaptist.org) | Communications Director | Lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.

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