



Jesus Loves Me, Varnette Honeywood, 1983

The Worship of God
The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
Black History Month

February 9, 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

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Invocation

J. Kevin Gray

***Opening Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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HYFRYDOL

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

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**

A Moment of Centering

J. Kevin Gray

One: Be still and know that I am God.

All: Be Still and Know that I am.

One: Be Still and know.

All: Be still.

One: Be.

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.

**All: Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

BEACH SPRING

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 140:12-13 (KJV)

Sandra Clory, Congregant

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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**

“Deliver Me from Evil”

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HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

Sermon

“When Justice Seems Far Away”

Rev. Telika McCoy, Ph.D.

Musical Reflection

“The Table of Freedom”

J. Kevin Gray, Emil Foster and David Young
J. Kevin Gray

Seems the days are getting longer, so many people are confused,
the when and where are up for grabs, depending on your choice of news.

Refrain:

But please tell me, where do we go from here.
Don’t forget me, that’s what they whisper in my ear,
the ones who have fought so hard to be here, at the table of freedom.

Each of us fills a space, representing the human race,
every one of us has a voice, each and every day we make a choice. *[Refrain]*

Whether to be the good we all want to see in this world,
whether or not to be the change that we all know we should be,
for the sake of the ones gathered around the table of freedom.

Bridge:

It will never be easy; it will take a lot of courage and strength,
but keep your heart open and never let it close my friend.
The door must stay open, so everyone here can see the table of freedom.

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

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

Rev. Marina Luckhoo



Offertory Anthem

“True Light”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light.
In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created light.
He lives in us as true light. Almighty God is light.
He lives in us as true light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die,
and don't desert my mind,
but let the one who serves you praise you again and again.
He lives in us as true light.
You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites no envy,
but let the one who serves you praise you again and again.
He lives in us as true light.
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
God gave the world true light!

Chancel Choir
Keith Hampton

*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.**

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*Prayer of Dedication

Bobbie Campbell, Choir Member

*Closing Hymn

“O Loving Creator, We Labor With You”

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ST. DENIO

Benediction

Rev. Telika McCoy, Ph.D.

Postlude

“Voluntary on HYFRYDOL”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Healey Willan

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



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of John Hamilton Duncan.



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



Join Us After Worship Today



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Educational opportunities that transform the whole person spiritually, culturally, & theologically

- **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**
Led by Members of the MOJO Environmental Justice Group
Room 250 (above the Church Offices)

Notes and Reflection:

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,



1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -



1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -



1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: 87 87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.

Deliver Me From Evil

psalm 140: Rev. Bert Witvoet

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLAGEN

De - liv - er me from e - vil; de - fend me Lord, from wrong. The vio - lent have
Let their own e - vil strike them and cause their o - ver thow so that the poor see

6
ga - thered, with poi - son on their tongue. From those who plot to hurt me or
ju - stice when e - vil is brought low. The right - eous will sing prai - ses, pro -

11
catch me in their snare, pro - tect me Lord, and
claim your name and grace; the up - right will live

14
keep me safe - guard - ed in your care.
safe - ly with - in your sure em - brace.

O Loving Creator, We Labor With You

ST. DENIO

Words by Jann Aldredge-Clanton

O Lo - ving Cre - a - tor, we la - bor with you to bring forth a world filled with
O Lo - vin Cre - a - tor, we join in your plan to bring peace and ju - stice through
O Lo - ving Cre - a - tor, you nur - ture us all to grow in your im - age and

7
beau - ty a - new. Fresh hope and new strength for our la - bor, we
out ev - ery land. We come now as fam - lies, all ra - ces and
12
an - swer your call. As sis - ters and broth - ers to - geth - er on

pray; O give us your vi - sion of glo - ri - ous days.
kinds, to of - fer our gifts, as new free - dom we find.
earth, we la - bor with you, new crea - a - tion to birth.

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

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

Associate Minister

OUR AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM

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