



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

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May 18, 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.*

**Children’s Worship is not available today.**  
**Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on main level). Please see a greeter for more information.**  
**Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

### Prelude

“Cantilene, Sonata 11”

Jane Cain, Organist  
Josef Rheinberger

### Vocal Introit

“Real Love”

J. Kevin Gray  
John Lennon

All the little boys and girls, livin' in this crazy world,  
all they really needed from you is maybe some love.

All the little girls and boys, playing with their little toys,  
all they really needed from you is maybe some love.

*Refrain:*

Why must we be alone? Why would we live alone?  
When there’s real love, yes, there’s real love.

*Bridge:*

I don't expect you to understand, the kingdom of Heaven is in your hand.  
I don't expect you to wake from your dreams, too late for cryin' now, it seems.

All your little plans and schemes, nothin' but a bunch of dreams,  
all they really needed from you is maybe some love.

### Call to Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

**Leader:** In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,

**People:** **come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

**Leader:** In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,

**People:** **come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

**Leader:** In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,

**People:** **come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.**

### Invocation

#### \*Opening Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

See page 6.  
ASH GROVE

### 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

Psalms 130:5 and Romans 8:6

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior.

*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

## Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Rev. Deborah Moore Clark, Choir Member

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the son of man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon Hymn

McKenzie Coleman, Emil Foster and David Young

“Koionia”

Michael McKay

*Members of the congregation are invited to sing along. See Page 7.*

## Sermon

“Meet the New Commandment – Same as the Old”

Rev. Dane Jordan

## Musical Reflection

David Young

“Beautiful City” from Godspell

David Schwartz

Out of the ruins and rubble, out of the smoke,  
out of our night of struggle, can we see a ray of hope,  
one pale thin ray reaching for the day?

*Refrain:*

We can build a beautiful city, yes, we can (yes, we can).  
We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels,  
but we can build a city of man.

We may not reach the ending, but we can start.  
Slowly but surely mending, brick by brick, heart by heart,  
now, maybe now, we start learning how. *[Refrain]*

When your trust is all but shattered, when your faith is all but killed,  
you can give up bitter and battered,  
or you can slowly start to build! *[Refrain]*

**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**

Mac Sasser, Deacon

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



**Offertory Anthem**

Chancel Choir  
*Rene' Clausen*

“Set Me as a Seal”

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
for love is strong as death.

**\*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**

Mac Sasser, Deacon

**\*Closing Hymn**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

ST. BRENDANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

### Responding to the Word

Rev. Dane Jordan

### Benediction

### Postlude

“Finale Jubilante”

Jane Cain, Organist  
Healy Willan

*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 and Eric Roberts.



*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dr. Jerry Petty.*



### 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. Dr. Layne Smith at [lsmith@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:lsmith@myersparkbaptist.org).



# Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Katherine K. Davis, 1939

Traditional Welsh melody

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. Gods law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,  
to the God the in Cre - a - tor, tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;  
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the ri - vers and foun - tains,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.  
Gods ban - ners are o'er us, Gods light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing,  
a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,  
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing  
as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

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# Koinonia

Michael McKay



How can I say\_\_that I love you Lord\_whom I've nev - er, ev\_\_ er  
get to say\_\_that I love the one\_ whom I walk be-side each and



seen be-fore, and for - ev - 'ry day? How can I look\_\_ up-



on your face and ig-nore God's love? You I must em-brace! you're my



sib - ling you're my un-known friend and I



love you with the love of my Lord,\_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 31**

RAIN Walk 11:00a-12:30p  
Truist Field (325 S. Mint Street)

**June 3**

Sage-ing Lunch 12:00p-1:00p  
With Speaker Chris Hudson

Heaton Hall

**June 8**

Faith and Community Forum  
With Speaker Beth Maczka 11:15a-12:15p

Shalom Hall

*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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