

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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## REFLECTION

*“Empires create their own theologies to justify their occupation.” ~ Mitri Raheb, Faith in the Face of Empire*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 AM)

## CHIMING THE TRINITY & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*As the candles on the altar are lit, you are each invited to light a candle on the table in front of you.*

## PRELUDE

“American the Beautiful”

*arr. May*

Fred Horn, Pianist

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Gordon Leathers

One: God’s greatness is wondrous to behold.

Many: **Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.**

One: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

Many: **there God’s greatness stands majestically.**

One: God’s greatness can be within the human heart.

Many: **Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion.** ~ *Ministry Matters*

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN #422 (STANZAS 1&2)

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Dixie Leathers

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD’S PRAYER (ALL)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There’s light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

LEMMEL

*Refrain:*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Thro’ death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O’er us sin no more hath dominion--  
For more than conqu’rors we are!

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:28-49

## SERMON

“Touch and See”

Mark Biddle

## TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Reach Out and Touch”

*arr. Horn*

*Worship should change us. Take time to reflect on all you have seen and heard and how you will put what you have learned into practice this week. Be specific. You are invited to write down your response and, as able, place it in the offering plate along with your financial gifts to the kingdom building work of this congregation.*

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Tracy Cady

## HYMN #422 (STANZA 3)

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**

The Board of Deacons have called a special business meeting for Sunday, July 11, following worship. All are welcome in-person or virtually. The purpose of the called meeting will be to share the names of those who have agreed to serve on the pastor search team and for the congregation to affirm their call to that purpose. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Don Polaski, Board of Deacons Chair.

### **CHURCH VISIONING**

In 2019, the church began a discernment process regarding its future. We held two church-wide retreats and engaged in small group study. Our Congregational Rule of Life emerged from this process. Then COVID hit. The deacons will soon be re-engaging with this process to position us for a pastor search. More soon!

### **METRO RICHMOND AT PRAYER**

Since March 2006, more than 470 churches in Metropolitan Richmond have joined in covenant to pray together weekly for the 1.2 million people who live in metro Richmond. GPBC has joined in this Covenant of Prayer, which began its fifteenth year on March 1, 2021. You can learn more and read the weekly prayers at [www.metroprayva.org](http://www.metroprayva.org).

During July, we pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of July 4, we pray for the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, the City Administrator, and all city employees.

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### **HYMN TEXTS**

#### **#422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Christ is able to make us one.  
At the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share.  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

*Refrain:* Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass  
the Word around: loaves abound!

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