

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Password: GPBC)
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REFLECTION

*“Your way of acting should be different from the world’s way; the love of Christ must come before all else”
~ Rule of St. Benedict*

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

“Blessed Assurance”
Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Stamper

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Williams

One: Blessed be our God,

Many: **Who created us in God’s image.**

One: Blessed be our God,

Many: **Who called us to follow Jesus Christ.**

One: Blessed be our God,

Many: **Who sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.**

One: Blessed be our God,

Many: **In whom we live, move, and have our being.**

All: **Blessed be our God as we gather in worship.**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #601

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

I AM THINE

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Katherine Baucom

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

“I Surrender All”

SURRENDER

All to Jesus I surrender,

all to him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust him,

in his presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender,

humbly at his feet I bow,

worldly pleasures all forsaken:

take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,

Lord, I give myself to thee;

fill me with thy love and power,

let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-2

SERMON

“A Rule for Individual Lives”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Nevue

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.

HYMN #614

“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

The Board of Deacons have called a special business meeting for today, July 11, following worship. All are welcome in-person or virtually. The purpose of the called meeting is for the congregation to affirm those who have agreed to serve on the pastor search team and commission them to that purpose. Those individuals are: Tracy Cady, Annie Campbell, Eric Johnson, Dixie Leathers, Sandra Hack Polaski, and Karen Talley. We are grateful for their willingness to serve.

RULE OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

As we begin to think about what is next for our congregation, it is good for us to spend time together reviewing and responding to the values and character traits we have identified that reflect how we as a community seek to live as followers of Jesus. Today, Mark begins a 10-week sermon series on our [congregation's Rule of Life](#). Join us each week in worship as we reflect on these life-shaping practices that are central to the hopes and dreams of our shared life together.

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.metroprayrva.org.

During July, we pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of July 11, we pray for the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and government employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

HYMN TEXTS

#601 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. [*Refrain*]

O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! [*Refrain*]

There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee. [*Refrain*]

#614 "I'm Gonna Live"

I'm gonna live so God can use me any time
and anywhere. (x2)
I'm gonna work...
I'm gonna pray...
I'm gonna sing...

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