

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Password: GPBC)
6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • July 18, 2021 • 10:30 AM

REFLECTION

“And let them first pray together, that so they may associate in peace.” ~ Benedict of Nursia

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

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Maggs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Talley

One: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

Many: God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.

One: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

Many: Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.

One: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

Many: The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.

~ Rev. Thom M. Shuman

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #490

“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

BEACH SPRING

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Eric Johnson

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 #495

“Weave”

WEAVE

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together, together in love.

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:3-10 (11-21)

SERMON

“A Rule for Communal Life”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

arr. Larson

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 #494

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

ST. BRENDAN’S

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 continues 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.

REVIEWING MASK GUIDELINES

With recent updates to guidance from Chamberlayne Heights UMC and the CDC, the deacons are again seeking congregational input regarding our own guidelines regarding mask-wearing. Please share your thoughts with Don Polaski, Deacon Chair, as to what you feel could be our course of action at this juncture. All input is greatly appreciated.

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 18, we pray for the Supervisors of Chesterfield & Hanover Counties, the County Administrators, and all county employees.

HYMN TEXTS

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#490 "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

Sister, let me be your servant,
brother, let me walk with you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.
We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of great love and agony.

Sister, let me be your servant,
brother, let me walk with you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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#494 "They'll Know We are Christians"

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 will
one day be restored.

Refrain: 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.

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.

All praise to the Father, from whom all
things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son, and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one.

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