

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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## REFLECTION

*“Serve our Richmond neighbors and the wider world, working towards the dismantling of oppressive systems and serving with those whose lives seek transformation.” ~ Ginter Park Baptist Church Rule of Life*

## 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 Am Thine, O Lord”  
Fred Horn, Pianist

*arr. Paxton*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenise Swall

One: We are caught up in the trials and tribulations of our everyday lives.

**Many: The world seems to swirl around us, as a whirlpool, pulling us downward.**

One: Bad news blasts us from every direction.

**Many: We need God’s healing touch right now.**

One: Help us to believe in your healing love, O Lord.

**Many: Help us to focus our lives on your redeeming presence.**

One: Enable us to reach out to each other and to our community.

**Many: Give us the strength, determination, and commitment to speak your word of peace.**

*~ Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters*

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN #461

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

BEACH SPRING

## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandy Rogers

## 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 #452

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:1-12

## SERMON

“Serving”

Mark Biddle

## TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“There is a Redeemer”

*arr. Keveren*

*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 #46

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

OLD 100TH

## BENEDICTION

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **“START IN STYLE” CLOTHING DRIVE**

You are invited to help provide a new outfit for students who participate in a weekend backpack program at two Title 1 schools: Henry Clay (where Fred teaches) and John M. Gandy. Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Katherine Baucom is also willing to come and pick up items from you. Deadline for collection is August 15. Sizes needed are from extra small to extra-large for school age children 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT CONVERSATIONS**

The Deacons will host two conversation sessions for us to review and celebrate the discernment work we've done, and to discover what this past year has taught us about who we are and where we might now be going. You will be asked to reflect on some questions in preparation and be given the opportunity to share those reflections with the community prior to the conversations. The sessions will take place Sunday, August 22 at 9am and Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30pm.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.metroprayrva.org).

During August, we pray for workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of August 8, we pray for financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.