

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Password: GPBC)
6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • August 15, 2021 • 10:30 AM

REFLECTION

“Worship of Jesus is rather harmless and risk-free; actually following Jesus changes everything.”

~ Fr. Richard Rohr

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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gordon Leathers

One: Welcome to worship!

Many: We come seeking healing and hope.

One: You have come to the right place.
God awaits you.

**Many: Even though we have not always followed the ways God
would have us go;**

One: God loves, forgives, and awaits you.

Many: Praise be to the patient, steadfast love of God.

~ Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters

OPENING PRAYER

Dixie Leathers

HYMN #612

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandra Hack Polaski

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

“Peter Said, ‘I’m Going Fishing’”

BEECHER

Text on next page. We will sing vv. 1-3.

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-15; Colossians 1:15-19

SERMON

“Follow Me”

Victoria Bethel

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Where He Leads Me”

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 moved, place it in the offering plate along with your financial gifts to the kingdom building work of this congregation.

HYMN

“Peter Said, ‘I’m Going Fishing’”

HYMN TO JOY

We will sing the final verse.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT CONVERSATIONS

The Deacons will host two 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. Please visit www.ginterparkbc.org/survey by Wednesday, August 18, to let us know which sessions you are able to attend and to respond to some reflection questions in preparation for the conversations. The sessions will take place Sunday, August 22 at 9am and Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30pm.

WELCOME REV. VICTORIA BETHEL

This morning we pause our sermon series on our Rule of Life and welcome the Rev. Victoria Bethel as our guest proclaimer. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Victoria has served churches as a pastor/educator for over 16 years. She currently serves at Richmond Hill as Associate Pastor for Hospitality, overseeing their group retreat ministry. We are glad to welcome her back to our pulpit!

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 August, we pray for workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of August 15, we pray for economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

HYMN TEXTS

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O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

"Peter Said, 'I'm Going Fishing'"

1/Peter said, "I'm going fishing,"
so his friends went out with him.
Through the night, they labored, watching,
Hauling empty nets back in.
In the grey of early morning,
Jesus, you came walking by.
From the beach you called a greeting,
"Cast out on the other side!"

2/Soon their nets were filled to brimming;
Someone cried, "It is the Lord!"
Jumping in, he started swimming;
Christ, you met him on the shore.
Guiding them to better waters,
Eating fish, and sharing bread —
You showed Peter and the others:
You were risen from the dead!

3/Risen Christ, you send us fishing!
God's great sea is everywhere.
You have guided us in mission,
You have given love to share.
Through the years, our church has heard you,
We have answered your great call:
"Cast your nets where I have told you.
Bring my word of love to all!"

4/Lord, be with our congregation;
By your spirit, send us forth!
May we care for your creation;
May we work for peace on earth.
In our worship, in our giving,
In our serving those in need,
May we know, Lord; you are living,
Guiding us in ministry.

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