

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • September 19, 2021 • 10:30 AM

REFLECTION

“Live our lives as a conversation with God in a commitment to personal spiritual practices.”

~ Ginter Park Baptist’s 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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Birchwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Schmitt

One: Hearts open, we enter this space

Many: Ready to share God’s love in word and deed.

Many: Recalling how much we are loved.

One: Minds open, we enter this space

One: Lives open, we enter this space

Many: Receiving God’s wisdom and insight.

Many: Being transformed by God’s love, wisdom, and work.

One: Arms open, we enter this space

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #517

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

CELEBRATION OF GINTER PARK ELEMENTARY

Sheryl Johnson

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dixie Leathers

Let us pray for Ginter Park Elementary School... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us.**

Let us pray for all those called to be in the ministry of teaching future generations. In particular this day we lift up the names of all those engaged in this work at Ginter Park Elementary.

(We will go clockwise around the circle, each saying a name.)

Michelle, Sundae, Shelby, Alvonda, Shari, Janet, Robin, Jessica, Lynda, Sarah, Cathryn, Catherine, Nicole, Kayla, Christopher, Sheila, Tiffany, Charlotte, Nathan, Sharon, Rasheeda, Kayla, Evan, Lisa, Tayrn Jasmine, Tia, Morgan, Rohoma, LaTasha, Kiana, Marquette, Crystal, Marissa, Nicole, Sharon, Frank, Morgan, Debra, Audrey, Marlena, Leslie, Jasmine, Delshawn, Maraya, Traci, Chris, Tanika, Logan, Marques, Charles, Noelia, Brenna, Krystle, Jennifer, Mallory, Rebecca, Emily, Tanee, Michelle, Abby
(leader continues)... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us.**

Let us pray for the students of our community... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us.**

Let us pray for all those who are denied education... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us.**

Let us pray for those in need... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us.**

Let us pray for the Church and its mission... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us.**

Let us pray for the world... Lord, hear us. **Lord, lovingly hear us. Amen**

ANTHEM

“Now Let Us Have a Little Talk with Jesus”

Jehovah Shalom A Capella

Derricks

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 12:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

SERMON

“In Conversation with God”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" *arr. Horn*
Worship should change us. How might you put into practice this week what you have heard and seen this morning? You are invited to write down your response to take with you or to place in the offering plate along with your financial gifts to the kingdom building work of this congregation.

HYMN #437 "Go Now in Peace" GO IN PEACE

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

It is time for our quarterly church business meeting! It will take place following the worship service and will be accessible to folks in-person as well as via Zoom. We will hear reports from the Board of Deacons, Board of Managers, and Ministry Leadership Team. As it is a regular business meeting, anyone may bring a matter for the church's consideration. Per our governance documents, all who come within the orbit of our community will be welcomed at and given voice in congregational business meetings. A quorum will consist of members present.

GENTLY USED COMPUTERS NEEDED!

Unitarian Universalist Community Church is collecting computers for Afghan refugees. Computers will be cleaned of personal data and each will be repaired and updated to work properly for the refugees and their families to use. If you have any broken, older, or unused computers (desktop or laptop) you can donate, please contact Raymond (804-301-4783) or bring them to a worship service.

COLLECT THOSE TAB TOPS!

Save your tab tops from drink cans as well as from vegetable and meat cans to support Ronald McDonald House. Believe it or not, the Ronald McDonald House is able to pay its utility bills by recycling tab tops from several churches for cash! Collection bins can be found in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

More than just a Bible study, this gathering is a small group of folks interested in each other and interested in taking a deeper dive into the scriptures. Seeking to learn both about and from the stories of the Bible, the group gathers each Thursday morning from 10-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Led by Don Polaski, this is not your ordinary Bible study! All are welcome. "We have snacks!"

WEEKEND BACKPACK MINISTRY GEARING UP!

Thank you to all who have already volunteered with our Weekend Backpacks of food program for students at Ginter Park Elementary. We are looking for a few more monthly coordinators to make sure the food is purchased and sorted into bags each week, as well as a backup bag deliverer on Fridays. Check out REALM for details or contact Dixie @ 804-380-2529 to get on board!

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners Book Club will meet this afternoon @ 4pm at the home of Melissa Blazek (and Georgia and Austin.) We will be sharing our summer reads! Look forward to seeing YOU!

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 September, we pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of September 19, we pray for all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.
