

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • September 26, 2021 • 10:30 AM

## REFLECTION

*“Extend grace to ourselves, to one another, and to all those whose paths we cross whenever we fall short of our pursuit to love God with our whole selves and our neighbor as ourselves.”*

*~ 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

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Limbaugh

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheryl Johnson

One: You call us into this space, O God,

**Many: Inviting us into a time of worship.**

One: You call our hearts, O God,

**Many: Inviting us to know Your love.**

One: You call us by name, O God,

**Many: Inviting us to know You more deeply.**

One: Continue to call to us, O God,

**Many: And may we know Your grace and peace.**

*~ Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN #93

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

JOYFUL SONG

## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Tracy Cady

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CONGREGATION ANTHEM #681 “O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face”

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## SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 2:17-18

## SERMON

“Grace for All”

Mark Biddle

## TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“I Must Tell Jesus”

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 #578

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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## BENEDICTION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MONTHLY CHECK-INS RESUME

On October 10, we will hold our first post-COVID churchwide check-in, open to all who are engaged with or interested in the life and ministry of this congregation. The main focus for the conversation will be re-envisioning stewardship and our Ministry Plan (aka budget), taking into account all of our financial realities (e.g., current giving and expenses, anticipated future expenses, investments.) The space (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) will be open for informal fellowship beginning at 9:00am and we will begin the conversation at 9:15am.

## COLLECT THOSE TAB TOPS!

Save your tab tops from drink cans as well as from vegetable and meat cans to support Ronald McDonald House. Collection bins can be found in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning.

### **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.

### **WEEKEND BACKPACK MINISTRY UPDATE**

Backpacking is off to a good start! First set of bags were delivered this past Friday! We are presently packing for 29 GPES students. We have monthly coordinators through 2021, but still need some for 2022. If this is something you might consider, call Dixie (804-380-2529)! Keep saving your handled grocery bags & bring to church office and continue your donations! Dollars collected now will fund this ministry in 2022-2023!!! Thank you all for the part you play in making this happen for these students!

### **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 September, we pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of September 26, we pray for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

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### **HYMN TEXTS**

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#### **# 93 “Praise Him, Praise Him”**

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory;  
strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,  
in his arms he carries them all day long:

#### *Refrain:*

Praise him! praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;  
praise him! praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins he suffered, and bled and died;  
he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
hail him! hail him! Jesus the crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep. and strong:

Praise him! praise him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!  
Heavenly portals, loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever;  
crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,  
power and glory unto the Lord belong:

#### **# 681 “O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face”**

O God, we bear the imprint of your face:  
the colors of our skin are your design,  
and what we have of beauty in our race  
as man or woman, you alone define,  
who stretched a living fabric on our frame  
and gave to each a language and a name.

Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate  
because our race, our skin is not the same,  
while we are judged unequal by the state  
and victims made because we own our name,  
humanity reduced to little worth,  
dishonored is Your living face on earth.

O God, we share the image of your Son  
whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin,  
in his humanity we find our own,  
and in his family our proper kin:  
Christ is the brother we still crucify,  
his love the language we must learn, or die.

#### **# 578 “I Need Thee Every Hour”**

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

#### *Refrain:*

I need thee, oh, I need thee;  
every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide or life is vain.

I need thee every hour, teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.