

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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October 3, 2021 • 10:30 AM • World Communion Sunday

REFLECTION

“If we show the Lord’s death at Communion, we must show the Lord’s life in the world. If it is a Eucharist on Sunday, it must prove on Monday that it was also a Sacrament.” ~ Maltbie Davenport Babcock (1901)

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

“How Can I Keep from Singing”
Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandy Rogers

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

Many: We gather with them in heart and mind.

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

Many: As part of that body, we join in its unity.

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

Many: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

One: Let us worship together.

Many: Let us share God’s bounty.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #476

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

HANOVER

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Raymond Cady

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

SERMON

“Humanity: The Measure of All Things After All?”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“In Remembrance of Me”

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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.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sheryl Johnson

One: May the composer of hope be with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: Beloved, God has created us to live faithfully in these times.

Many: We lift our hearts to the One who shapes us into communities of grace and peace.

One: Join in singing to God, who takes away all our fears.

Many: We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope, even if it is the table in our kitchen or living room.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #393

“O Bread, One Body”

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

HYMN #618 (Stanza 1)

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION

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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Seeking to learn both about and from the stories of the Bible, this group gathers each Thursday morning from 10-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join anytime! If you would like to participate via Zoom on any given week, please contact Don Polaski by 9 a.m that Thursday.

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.

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.

During October, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of October 3, we pray for all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

HYMN TEXTS

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476 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

393 "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man no more (*Refrain*)

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all (*Refrain*)

618 "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?