

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday After Epiphany • January 15, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gordon Leathers

One: God let your justice and fairness flow like a river that never runs dry

**Many: May we who have an abundance be honest and fair with all your people, especially the poor**

One: May we be as helpful as rain that refreshes the ground to those who are treated unjustly

**Many: Because you, our God, rescue the homeless and have pity on those who hurt**

One: Let God's kingdom of justice and fairness reach across all the earth.

**Many: God let your justice and fairness flow like a river that never runs dry**

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 668

“For the Healing of the Nations”

CWM RHONDDA

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Anita Laffoon

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.**

HYMN No. 631

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

SCRIPTURE

[Amos 5:21-24](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“When I Look at the World”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Precious Lord, Take my Hand with When I Look at the World” Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**BENEDICTION****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: **And also with you...**

**Announcements****Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of January 15, we pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: To experience the healing power of Jesus’s resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

**Day for all People**

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (one of our ministry partners), hosts Day for All People, their annual Advocacy Day where they bring together people of faith and goodwill from across Virginia. All are invited to join with other motivated Virginians to make your voices heard on economic, racial, and social justice issues.

Click here for more information, and to sign up: [Virginia Interfaith Center](#)

**Church Business Meeting**

The next church business meeting will be January 22nd, immediately after worship. Please make plans to attend either in person or via Zoom.

**Service for Ann Charlescraft**

A memorial service for Ann Charlescraft will be held in the fellowship hall of CHUMC on January 21st at 1pm, with a reception following. If you are able to help with set-up, clean up, or the reception, contact Nancy or Anita.

**Worship isn't the same without you...**

...and we'd love to have your help! We need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings by leading the Call to Worship and the Prayers of the People, and to facilitate the Zoom room. Contact Anita to sign up ([alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org))!

**Study Opportunities**

- Thursday mornings at 10am
- Sunday mornings at 9am (beginning Feb 5th)
- Weeknight study beginning Feb 21st (time TBD)

**Chili Cook-off and Game Night**

Mark your calendars for Friday, January 27th - we're having a chili cook-off! Join us for food, fellowship, and bingo. Look for a sign-up event on Realm!

**Back Pack Update!**

Keep bringing in those grocery bags!!! We are packing 36 double bags each week! If you have questions about the process let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM.

## Page Turners Book Club

A new book has been chosen! The book to read and discuss in February is “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. We will meet at 4pm. Location TBD.



## **Hymn Texts**

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### **For the Healing of the Nations**

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

### **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light; keep us for ever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

### **We Shall Overcome**

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We are not afraid today, we are not afraid today, we are not afraid today.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!