

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost • July 23, 2023 • 10:30 AM**

## GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

“Large numbers of those who arrive in the United States without government-approved documents are employed as day workers... They and their families, here or back in their countries of origin, depend on what they are paid for their labor. Their ability to work is the only thing they have.”

- Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Harry Gaines

One: Already overburdened with the demands of work and leisure, family and friends, we come to this place in search of rest.

**Many: May we find here the strength to work for justice.**

One: Forgiveness is elusive and anger is justified, too often we settle for the sweet fleeting fruit of revenge.

**Many: May we find here the patience to embody mercy.**

One: Deluded by the world in which we live, receiving power and prestige and money as just reward, missing the Spirit's call to a life grounded in humble service.

**Many: May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 461

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

BEACH SPRING

## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Harry Gaines

## 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. 709

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

SCRIPTURE [Matthew 20:1-16](#) Anita Laffoon

SERMON “Mysterious Ways” Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy’ with ‘Mysterious Ways’” Anita Laffoon

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 612 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL'S STORY

#### 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 July 23, we pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

#### **Pray for our Ministry Partners**

Baptist Women in Ministry seeks to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women. 2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the organization!

#### **Feast with Friends**

Join us for lunch on July 30th at the HogsHead Cafe right after worship! We'll order off the menu with separate checks, but please sign up on Realm so we can give the restaurant an approximate headcount. Feel free to invite a friend!

#### **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))!

#### **BackPack Summer collecting!**

Thank you, thank you! You all are the greatest...at bringing in grocery bags! And, YES, we will continue to collect bags during the summer. If you have questions about the process let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM.

## **Hymn Texts**

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### **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed,  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.

As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship into service, forward in your name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your children, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

### **Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing forth that God is near!  
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe we feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

### **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

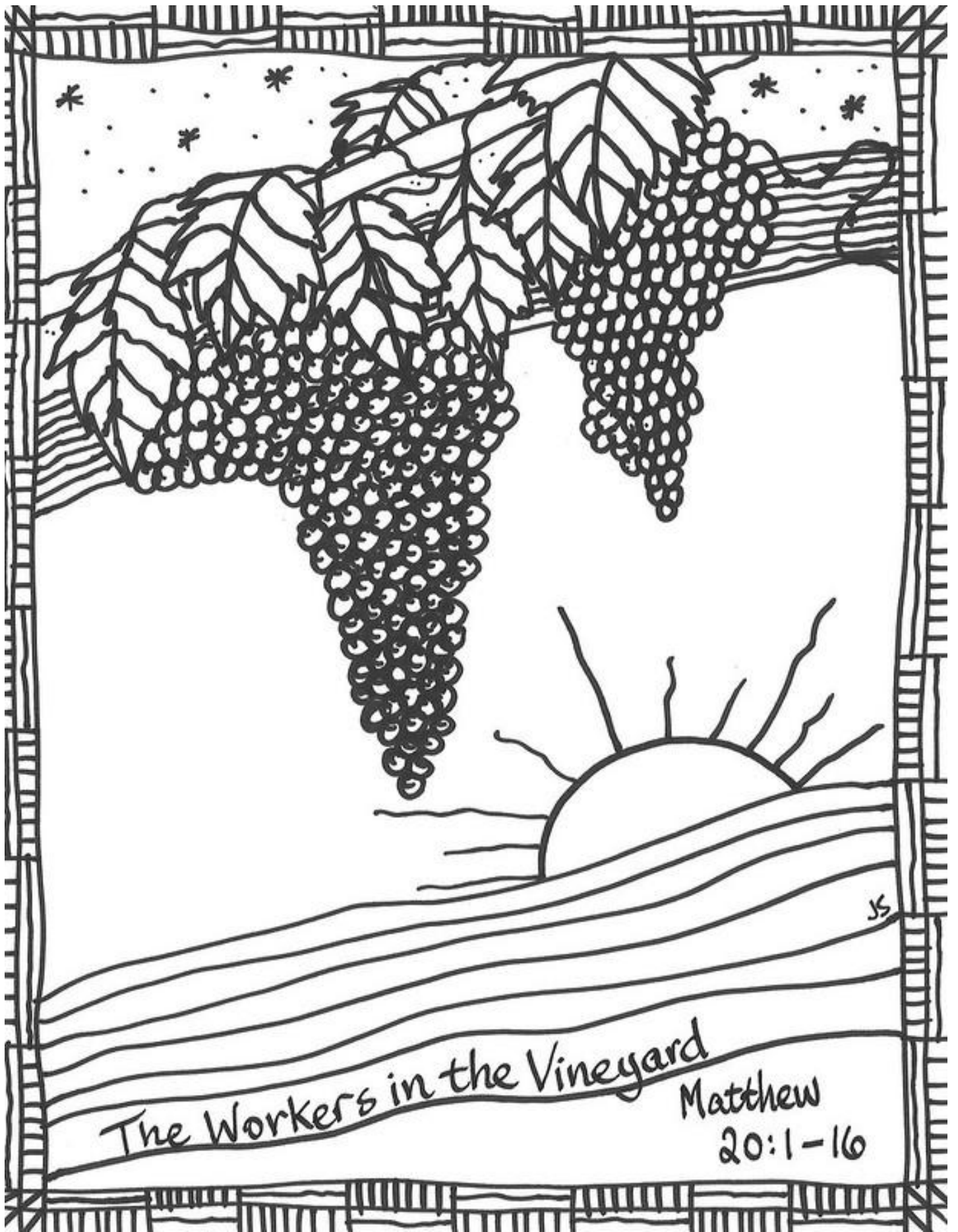
O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

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.



The Workers in the Vineyard

Matthew  
20:1-16