

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost • August 6, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

*When I laid down my burden
The one where I had something I should prove
Then I found my power
The one where I'm the mountain I could move
So if you want to know where I am now
Then just breathe in and let it out*

*When you are at the end of your rope
Come find me
Holding on to your last string of hope
Come find me
Open up your eyes
I'll show you what your worth
Don't you know it's you and me
In this heaven on earth*

- Melissa Etheridge, *Heaven on Earth*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Horn

One: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

Many: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

One: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

Many: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

One: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

Many: And let the God of life satisfy our souls.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 408

“Come, Share the Lord”

DIVERNON

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Lisa Horn

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

“‘Where Is Bread?’ The Great Crowd Murmured”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured — thousands strong, yet all in need.

"Where is bread?" your people wondered, faced with such a crowd to feed.

Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it? One small boy brought food to share.

Taking what he gave, you blessed it; all were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning; every day, we wish for more.

God, in time, we're slowly learning: all we own can make us poor.

Our possessions can possess us, leaving hunger deep inside.

Christ our Bread, come now and bless us; at your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising; millions cry who must be fed.

God, your answer seems surprising: "you, my Church, you give them bread."

Bread to fill each hungry spirit, bread for hungry stomachs, too!

Give us bread and help us share it. Richly blest, may we serve you.

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SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“Heaven on Earth”

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HOLY COMMUNION

“‘Let Us Break Bread Together’ with ‘Heaven on Earth’”

Arr. Horn

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 352

“Spirit Song”

SPIRIT SONG

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 August 6, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ. For more than 100 years, the Baptist World Alliance has networked the Baptist family to impact the world for Christ with a commitment to strengthen worship, fellowship and unity; lead in mission and evangelism; respond to people in need through aid, relief, and community development; defend religious freedom, human rights, and justice; and advance theological reflection and leadership development.

VA Pridefest

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept 23rd - we have a booth at Pridefest! More info to come about signing up for time slots at the booth.

Small group studies begin soon!

Our small group studies will resume this fall, but here's a quick look at what's coming:

- Sunday Morning - [Curveball: When Your Faith Takes Turns You Never Saw Coming](#) by Peter Enns. "Life throws us "curve balls"—from devastating personal losses to world tragedies. These events often leave us doubting God, the Bible, and our faith. But instead of pushing away our reservations, we should embrace them, Peter Enns argues. God is bigger and more mysterious than anyone's expectations. We need a faith that can grow just as deeply." The first time we meet (9/10) will be a time of table fellowship (we can all bring something to share) and reconnection. We will also discuss the timetable for the class and if others would like to facilitate a discussion over the weeks that we meet. Look over the chapters and see if there is one or two that really speak to you for leading. Helping to lead weekly discussions is encouraged and welcomed. :)
- Thursday Morning - We will resume our study of the book of Acts Thursday mornings at 10am.
- Weeknight (TBA) - We'll be reading and discussing *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning. "Most of us believe in God's grace—in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives. We continue to see Him as a small-minded bookkeeper, tallying our failures and successes on a score sheet. Yet God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins—dirty, bedraggled, and beat-up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His "furious love." Time and start date TBA.

Thank You!!

Thanks to all who contributed to the ABUNDANCE of gifts that are on their way to Kutenda! Please continue to be in prayer for the children, and all who care for them. The full list of what was collected can be found on Realm.

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)!

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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Come, Share the Lord

We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through His loving Son the Father makes us one;
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

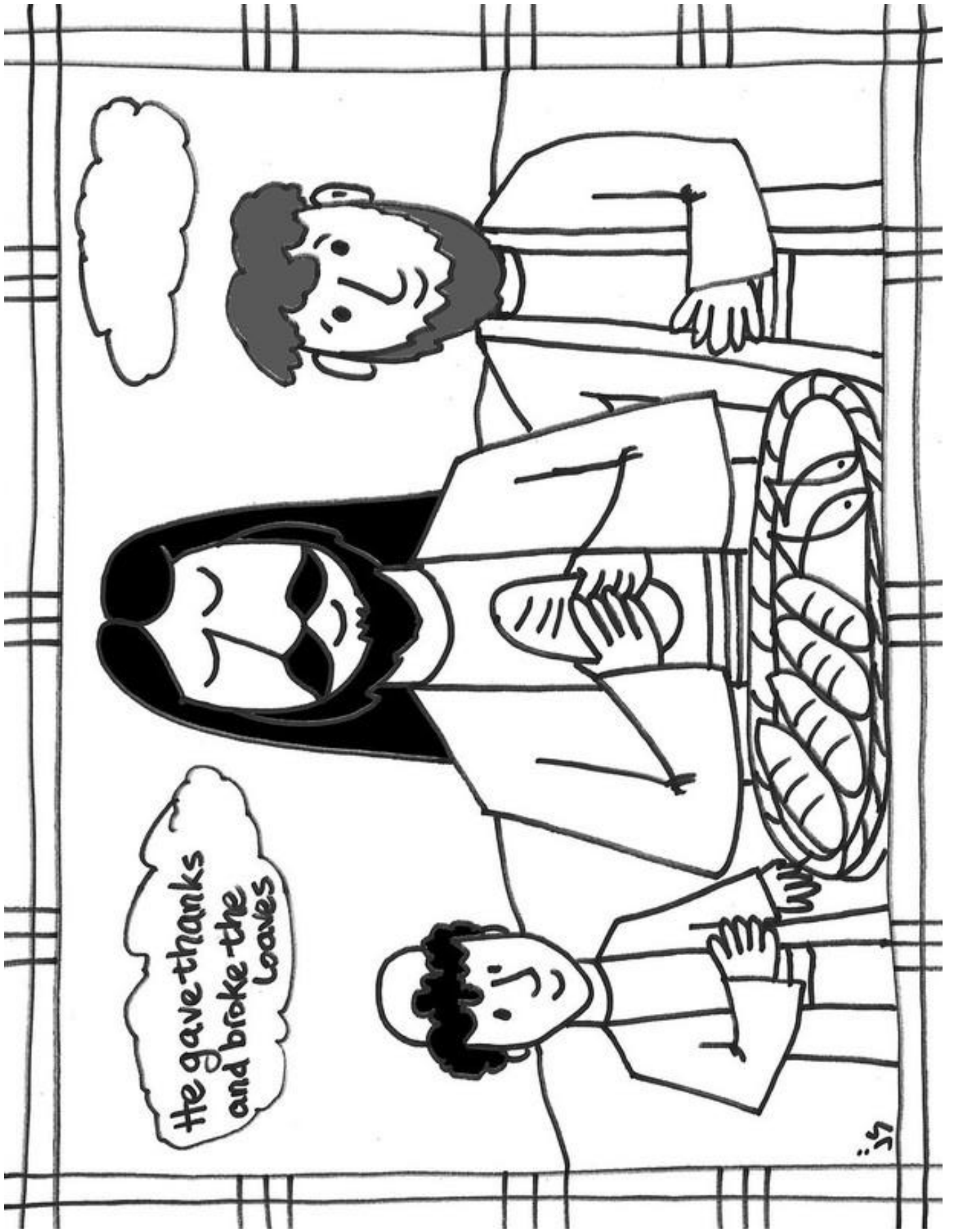
He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come share the Lord.

Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.



He gave thanks
and broke the
loaves