

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost • August 13, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

Like Elijah, O God, we turn and face You in the midst of the storm. Help us this hour to hear You speak to us — not in the wind, or the thunder, nor even in the upheaval of the ground beneath us. Help us to hear You speak to us, in our heart of hearts, as that still, small voice amidst the maelstrom, which gives us direction, and peace, and hope.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Hack Polaski

One: O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake,

Many: Not in the crackling heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

One: Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies

Many: That we might meet you in that silence.

One: Help us to listen for your still, small voice.

Many: Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting that you will prepare the way.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 537

“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandra Hack Polaski

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 594

“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

REST

SCRIPTURE

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“Earth, Wind, and Fire”

Anita Laffoon

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 85

“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

MELITA

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 13, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Sophia Theological Seminary grew from a recognition that, in a changing environment, theological education requires a wise and creative re-imagining. Supported by the work of Sophia Farms, the seminary seeks to be an inclusive community where life together will be marked by daily rhythms of study, worship, fellowship, and work.

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 beginning in September.
- 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.

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.

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)!

Page Turners Book Club

ALL YE who like to READ & Share!!! Mark your calendars: September 24 @ 4pm, at the home of Nadene Eads! We will meet to share books read during the summer and decide upon our first read for the year!

BP Volunteers Needed for 2023-2024!

School starts for Frances W. McClenney School (GPESchool's new name!) on August 21st..just around the corner! Now is the time to SIGN UP for the piece of the WHOLE "Weekend BackPacks of Food Project" for which you would like to volunteer! Volunteers needed are: Monthly Coordinators to purchase food items and pack the 36 bags of food weekly, to double bag the grocery bags, to break down & recycle the boxes, and to deliver weekly the filled bags of food to FWMCES! First Semester BP Coordinators are needed for the months of October, November, December & January. If you have questions about the process or to volunteer, let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM. PS...keep bringing in those grocery bags!!

Hymn Texts

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

Dear God, embracing humankind, forgive our foolish ways!

Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.



Psalm
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Let me hear
when the LORD
speaks, for He will
speak peace to
His people.