

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost • August 27, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Johnson

One: We gather together in praise and worship of our Faithful God, because our help and hope rests always in the Lord our God.

Many: We bring our praises and thankful responses to our Saving God.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God, who is our security and home, and whose mercy and grace frees us from all that traps us.

Many: Blessings, reverent honour and glory be to the Lord our God.

One: We come together to praise worship our all-Powerful God, because we are confident of God's generous care over us.

Many: Our eternal trust is in the name of the Lord our God, who is our Maker, our Saviour, and our timeless Home. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 622

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Eric Johnson

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. 546

“Amazing Grace”

NEW BRITAIN

SCRIPTURE

[Exodus 1:8-2:10](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“I Won't Back Down”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone’ with ‘I Won’t Back Down’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 709

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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 20, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For owners and managers: for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

River City Faith Network is a network of churches that work together to serve the city of Richmond through a variety of ministry opportunities. Ministry Centers include Camp Alkulana, The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, Oregon Hill Baptist Center, South Richmond Baptist Center, Central Virginia Raceway Ministry, and the WMU.

Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting will be on September 10th, right after worship, Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

We’re looking for volunteers to offer childcare during worship. This is a once a month commitment, and eight volunteers are needed to form teams of two (not related) people per week. If you are willing to help, please let Anita know by the Sept 10 business meeting. Background checks will be required.

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 - Thursday morning Bible study begins September 14. All are invited to this time of fellowship, prayer and in-depth study of the Acts of the Apostles. The time together begins at 10 with coffee and refreshments, and the study concludes at 11:30. The group meets in Room 108 in the Education Wing. Don Polaski, Associate Professor of Religion at Randolph Macon College, is the leader. Contact him at dpolaski@gmail.com if you have questions. Come be in community with others on the journey of deepening faith and adding understanding to scripture.
- 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.

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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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side.
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Amazing Grace!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

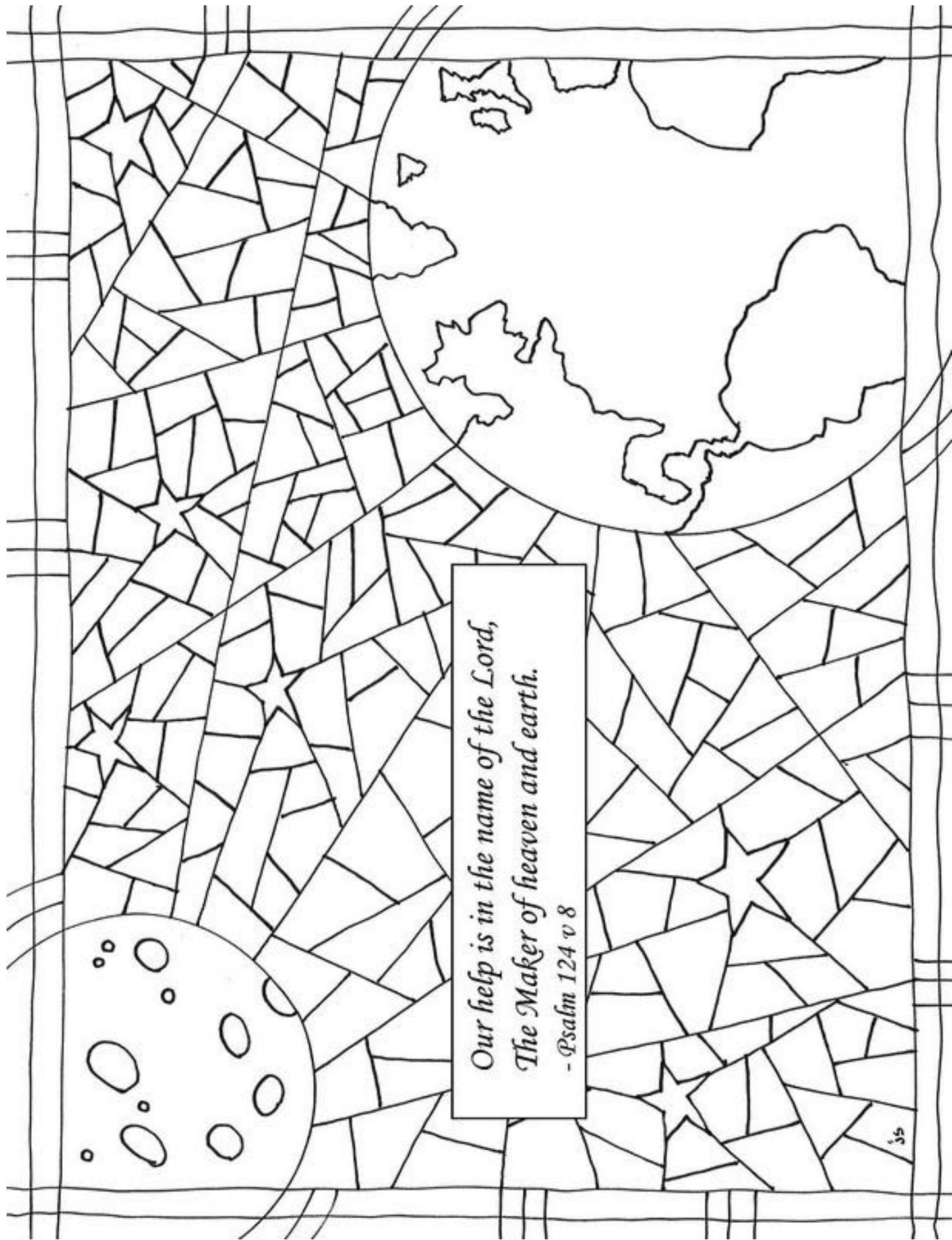
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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.



*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.
- Psalm 124 v 8*