

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost • September 3, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

During this time of reflection, we invite you to take a few moments to prepare yourself for worship. Take a few deep breaths and settle into the quiet. Center yourself through art by coloring the attached picture. Slip off your shoes and remember that you are on holy ground. No matter what this time looks like for you, all of you is welcome in this space.

*When everything inside me
Looks like everything I hate
You are the hope I have for change
You are the only chance I'll take*

*I'm on fire when You're near me
And I'm on fire when You speak
And I'm on fire burning at these mysteries
- Switchfoot, On Fire*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tracy Cady

One: We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers,

Many: The God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses,

One: Who hears the cries of God's people and comes to their aid;

Many: Who meets us on holy ground and calls us follow;

One: Who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind, take up our cross, and discover what it means to truly live.

Many: This is our God! Let us worship together.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 12

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

ABERYSTWYTH

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Tracy Cady

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. 663

“Go Down, Moses”

GO DOWN MOSES

SCRIPTURE	Exodus 3:1-15	Anita Laffoon
SERMON	“On Fire”	Anita Laffoon
HOLY COMMUNION		
TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE	“‘Holy Ground’ with ‘On Fire’”	Arr. Horn
ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH		
HYMN No. 112	“Holy Ground”	HOLY GROUND
BENEDICTION		

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Our services are hybrid, meaning there are cameras in the worship space to allow those joining us via Zoom to fully participate. If you would rather not be on camera, we have marked the areas where our cameras can't see you.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of September 3, we pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff. For curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning; for space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Side by Side is dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. They provide support groups and counseling for youth, housing services for young adults, and support for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth in Richmond.

Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting will be next Sunday, 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!

All bases of the WBP program are covered **EXCEPT** we need BP Coordinators for April & May (1 volunteer pending!!). Coordinators see that food for the month is purchased weekly and packed in double bags (all ready for you) to be delivered (we have volunteers to deliver!). If you can do both pieces, shop and pack...GREAT! If you only have time to do the packing ...we have a volunteer shopper for Backpack food! Just let Dixie know what you can do! I do LOVE how all of this comes together! Thanks to ALL of you!

Hymn Texts

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Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain,
Shelter, Light, Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life all endowed:

May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth and feeds them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant,
Lamb, Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to the I AM:
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth and feeds them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest,
Whirlwind, Fire, Comfort, Counselor, Presence Love, Energies that never Tire.
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth and feeds them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Go Down, Moses

When Israel was in Egypt's Land: let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go,
let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

Then Miriam danced and sang her song, let my people go;
"Our God has triumphed over wrong!" let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

O let us all from bondage flee, let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

