

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost • September 10, 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.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Talley

One: Friends, don't owe anyone anything - with one exception: love.

Many: Love is a debt which never ends.

One: Because love fulfills all the requirements of God's law,

Many: Love your neighbor as yourself.

One: Love does no wrong to others. In fact, love achieves everything the law requires.

Many: We belong to the day, so we should live lives of decency and goodness for all to see.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 517

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Kyle Talley

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. 589

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

SCRIPTURE

[Romans 13:8-12](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

"All You Need is Love"

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "El Shaddai' with 'All You Need is Love'"

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 494

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

ST. BRENDAN’S

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 10, we pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public, private and religious schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

RPS Foundation - The mission of Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation is to partner with Richmond Public Schools to actively develop philanthropic resources and community relationships that support the goal to improve student learning and achievement in preparation for success in college, career, and community.

Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting will be TODAY, 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! Time slots are available from 12pm to 8pm, and additional hands will be needed for set up and take down (time TBA). Use this link to sign up for a time slot - [VA Pridefest](#)

Volunteers Needed!

We still need volunteers to offer childcare during worship on the first (2 needed) and third (1 needed) Sundays of the month. This is a once-a-month commitment, and volunteers are needed to form teams of two (not related) people per week. If you are willing to help, please let Anita know ASAP. Background checks will be required.

Study opportunities:

- Sundays at 9am - [Curveball: When Your Faith Takes Turns You Never Saw Coming](#) by Peter Enns
- Thursdays at 10am - Acts of the Apostles
- Weeknight (TBA) - *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning

Church Picnic!

Save the date - we're having a picnic at Echo Lake Park on October 8th! Bring a side or dessert to share. Worship that day will include a blessing of the animals, so bring your furry friends with you!

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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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.



The Lord
takes delight
in His people...

...He crowns
the humble with
victory.

Psalm 149 v 4