

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Sheryl Johnson

One: Holy One, give us a vision of our world as Your love would make it:

Many: A world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor;

One: a world where the benefits of civilized life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

Many: a world where different races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect,

One: a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love;

Many: and give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN

“Your Peace Will Make Us One”

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one

I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient, you will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Your peace will make us one

In the beauty of the lilies, you were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one

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SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sheryl 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

“Whatever You Do to the Least Ones of These”

ST. DENIO

"Whatever you do to the least ones of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"

Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew that when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end, when those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" — We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise; we see you in people whom others despise.

At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer and find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands and offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —

We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace: We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear that when we serve others, we're serving you here.

And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain, then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

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SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

Packing: Our Context

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Leaving on a Jet Plane’ with ‘Here I Am, Lord’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 461

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

BEACH SPRING

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 October 29, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For advocates who provide a voice for the rights of persons whose voices are not heard.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Baptist Peace Fellowship is the largest Baptist network of peacemakers in the United States inclusive of other denominational faiths, non-confessional groups and individuals. They are a progressive, intercultural organization of peacemakers and are gender-diverse, inclusive, and affirming. They seek to empower the poor, liberate the oppressed, free the captive, and pronounce a new day of grace for all of creation.

Church Check-in

We will have a brief check-in after worship today. Please stay if you can!

Just for kids!

We now offer lessons and activities for kids during worship! Thanks to all who have volunteered to make this possible!

Sophia Harvest Celebration

Sophia Theological Seminary is having a Harvest Celebration on the farm from 10am-1pm on Saturday, November 4th. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! 15233 Gatewood Rd, Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Card Crafting Day

Come make Christmas cards with us on Saturday, November 11th beginning at 1pm! No experience or expertise needed. Let Annie or Anita know if you are interested.

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
- Wednesdays at 7pm - *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning

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

Next meeting will be November 19 @ 4pm, location TBA. We will meet to discuss *Looking for Alaska* by John Green.

BP Update

We are steadily INCREASING in the number of food bags delivered each week! We are now delivering 29 bags each week. Hoping to be packing 36 bags of food weekly by Thanksgiving for identified food insecure students and Frances McClenney Elementary School. THANKS TO ALL, all volunteer bases are covered to make this happen again this year! PLEASE, continue to bring in those grocery bags...gotta' have those!!!

Hymn Texts

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.



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