

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, your whole self is welcome in this space.

*“The fire has gone wholly dark
It has burned its final spark
I love the music of the wood
I would live here if I could
The earth would be my bed
The moss beneath my head
I'd spend my days on holy ground
If I were not so wholly bound*

*When I wake up will you be gone?
Which side of the mountain will I find you on?
If I promise not to make a sound
Might I feel the resonance from holy ground?”*
- Flamy Grant, *Holy Ground*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harry Gaines

*Responsive readings like this one are a part of worship. The congregation's part is in **bold**.*

One: Lord, in you we are transformed, and transformed still again.

Many: When the discouraged cry for hope, make us hope.

One: When the hungry cry for bread, make us bread.

Many: When the thirsty cry for water, make us water.

One: When the suffering cry for help, make us help.

Many: When the sick cry for healing, make us agents of healing.

One: When the bound cry for freedom, make us work for freedom.

Many: When the outcasts cry for love, make us reflections of your love.

All: transform us anew, and so keep us close to you, as you transform the world. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 12

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

ABERYSTWYTH

Some of us stand while singing, and others don't. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Harry Gaines

Prayer requests are shared out loud with the gathered community. If you have a joy or a concern to share, please raise your hand to request the microphone

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

“One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

One day Jesus climbed a mountain to a place of prayer and rest.
Peter, James and John went with him to that lonely wilderness.
In a moment so amazing, Jesus shone with brightness blazing,
wrapped in glory, heaven-blessed, wrapped in glory, heaven-blessed.

Words could not contain the wonder of that most amazing sight.
Jesus' face was bright with splendor and his clothes were dazzling white.
There appeared two others with him; Moses and Elijah met him
on that lonely mountain height, on that lonely mountain height.

Jesus talked there with the prophet and the bearer of the Law.
When his three disciples saw it, they were filled with joy and awe.
Peter told him, "Let us stay here. We can worship God and pray here."
Then a cloud came over all, Then a cloud came over all.

From that cloud a voice was saying, "This is my beloved son."
And the voice said, "Listen to him!" — to God's faithful chosen one.
While their plans were filled with glory, Christ was living out the story
of his prayer, "Thy will be done," of his prayer, "Thy will be done."

Jesus took them down the mountain to a world of pain and loss.
For he knew what lay before him; he must journey to the cross.
In his serving, in his healing, God was there, by grace revealing
wondrous love comes at a cost, wondrous love comes at a cost.

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SCRIPTURE

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

Anita Laffoon

**One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God
Many: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Holy Ground”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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.



Are you visiting with us today? We'd love to get to know you better!

Scan the QR code to tell us more about you.

Announcements**Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of February 11, we pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy economic development, which enhances the Metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

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.

Ash Wednesday Service

This year's Ash Wednesday service will be THIS WEDNESDAY, February 14th at 7pm, and will be a joint service with First Mennonite Church (hosted by us in the CHUMC Fellowship Hall). We hope you will join us as we mark the beginning of the season of Lent.

Study opportunities:

- Bible Study: Book of Acts – Thursdays at 10am
- Sunday Morning – Sundays at 9am
- Ragamuffin Gospel, 2.0 – TBA. Sign up on Realm to let Anita know if you are interested!

Baptist Women in Ministry

The Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary Tour (in partnership with CBF Virginia, Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry, Baptist Women in Ministry, and Church Benefits Board) is coming to Richmond! If you are interested in attending on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm at the Byrd Theater, please fill out the interest form at churchbenefits.org/bwimdoctour.

This feature documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists. But challenging religious patriarchy, and specifically Baptist patriarchy, is not only a subject of the past. It is as relevant today as it was forty years ago. In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists.

Just for kids!

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

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 February 18th at 4pm, location TBA. We will be reading and discussing *Go As A River* by Shelley Read.

BP Update

We are now delivering 36 bags of food weekly to identified food insecure students at 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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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.

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine it on the mountain, I'm gonna let it shine.

Shine it on the mountain, I'm gonna let it shine.

Shine it on the mountain, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine it in the valley, I'm gonna let it shine.

Shine it in the valley, I'm gonna let it shine.

Shine it in the valley, I'm gonna let it shine.

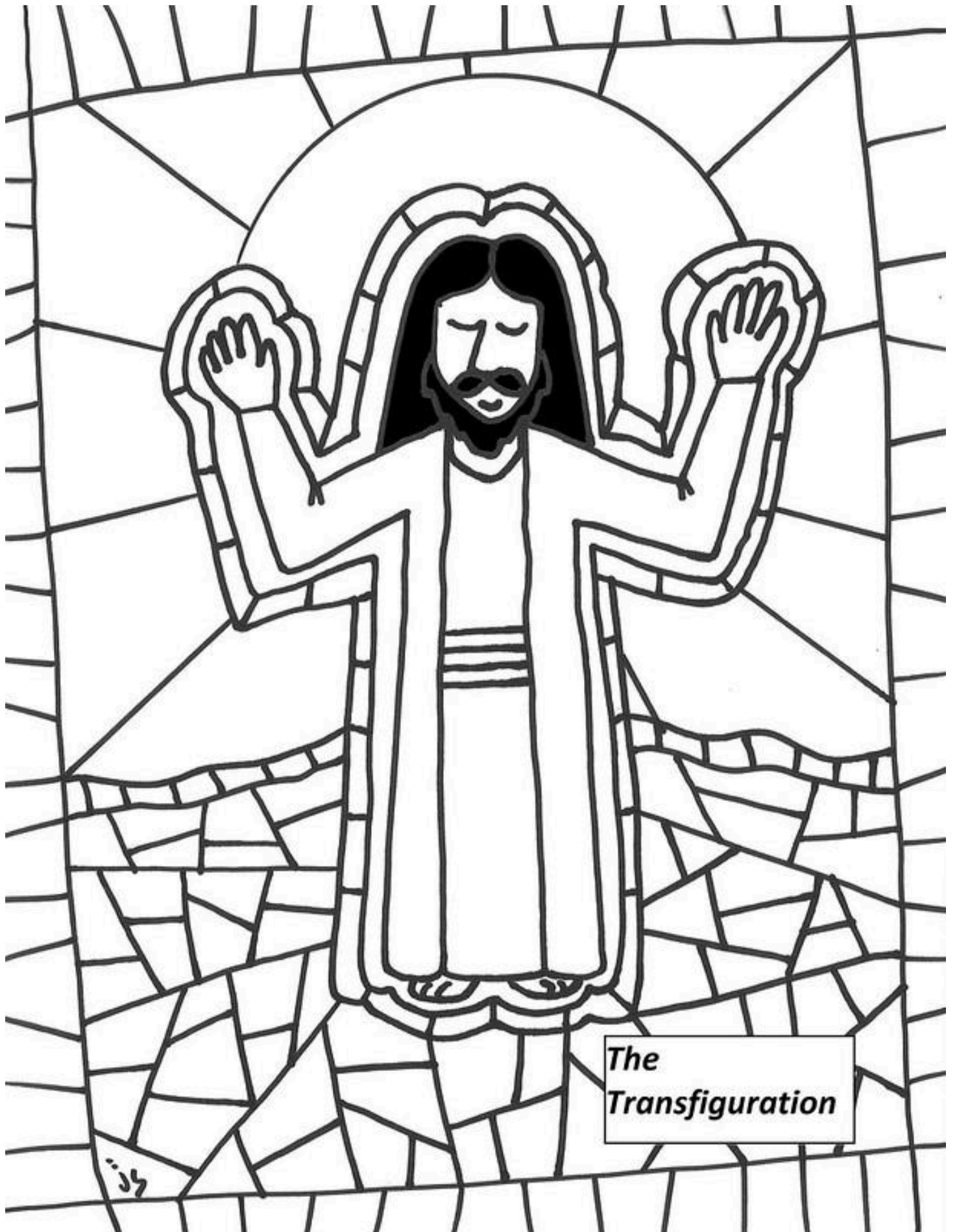
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



*The
Transfiguration*