

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent • February 25, 2024 • 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, your whole self is welcome in this space.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Campbell

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

One: We are in it for the long haul,

Our God is an everlasting God.

From the beginning to the end, Alpha and Omega,

We know that God is with us, now and always.

When life is difficult, we know God's presence through the love of one another,

Trust in God and lean into the love of your neighbors.

Focus your hearts and minds in this time of worship,

For in all things and all times, we shall praise the Lord our God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 517

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

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

Annie Campbell

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.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live, I live.

CONFESSION

**God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN

"In Cana At a Wedding Feast"

ELLACOMBE

In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.
 There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"
 He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;
 Though water changed to wine that day, his friends believed in him.

Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus' prayer retreat.
 He healed their sick, then told his own, "You give them food to eat!"
 Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share,
 Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed, with baskets left to spare.

Out on the sea, the winds were strong; the stormy waves were high;
 There Jesus' friends were filled with fear when he came walking by.
 "Take heart, for it is I!" he said, and helping Peter stand,
 He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts; God's world was in his hand.

The blind, the poor, the outcast too, found Christ to be their friend.
 "Have mercy!" Bartimaeus said. "I want to see again."
 With great compassion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight.
 Through deeds of power, deeds of love, he filled our world with light.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

SCRIPTURE

[John 2:1-12](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Maybe I’m Amazed”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘My Lord, What a Morning’ with ‘Maybe I’m Amazed’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 556

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

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 25, we pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

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.

Study opportunities:

- Bible Study: Book of Acts – Thursdays at 10am
- Sunday Morning – Sundays at 9am
- Ragamuffin Gospel, 2.0 – Wednesdays at 6pm.

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.

Alkulana Fundraiser

There will be an Auction and Dinner Fundraiser for Camp Alkulana on Mar 16, 5p at Derbyshire Baptist Church. To purchase tickets, go to Alkulana.org. Tickets are \$15 each or a table can be purchased for \$100 for 8 people. Tickets/Table must be purchased online by Mar 5. Let Alison or Katherine know if you want to be a part of a table for 8!

Church Check-in

Please plan to stay after worship for a Church Check-in on March 10th. We'll be discussing the upcoming Civic Engagement workshop, and continuing our conversation on welcoming people to our church.

Shamrock the Block

Grab your green gear! We've been accepted as a vendor at Shamrock the Block on March 16th from 12pm-6pm! A sign-up link will be posted soon for volunteers to run our booth.

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)!

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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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.

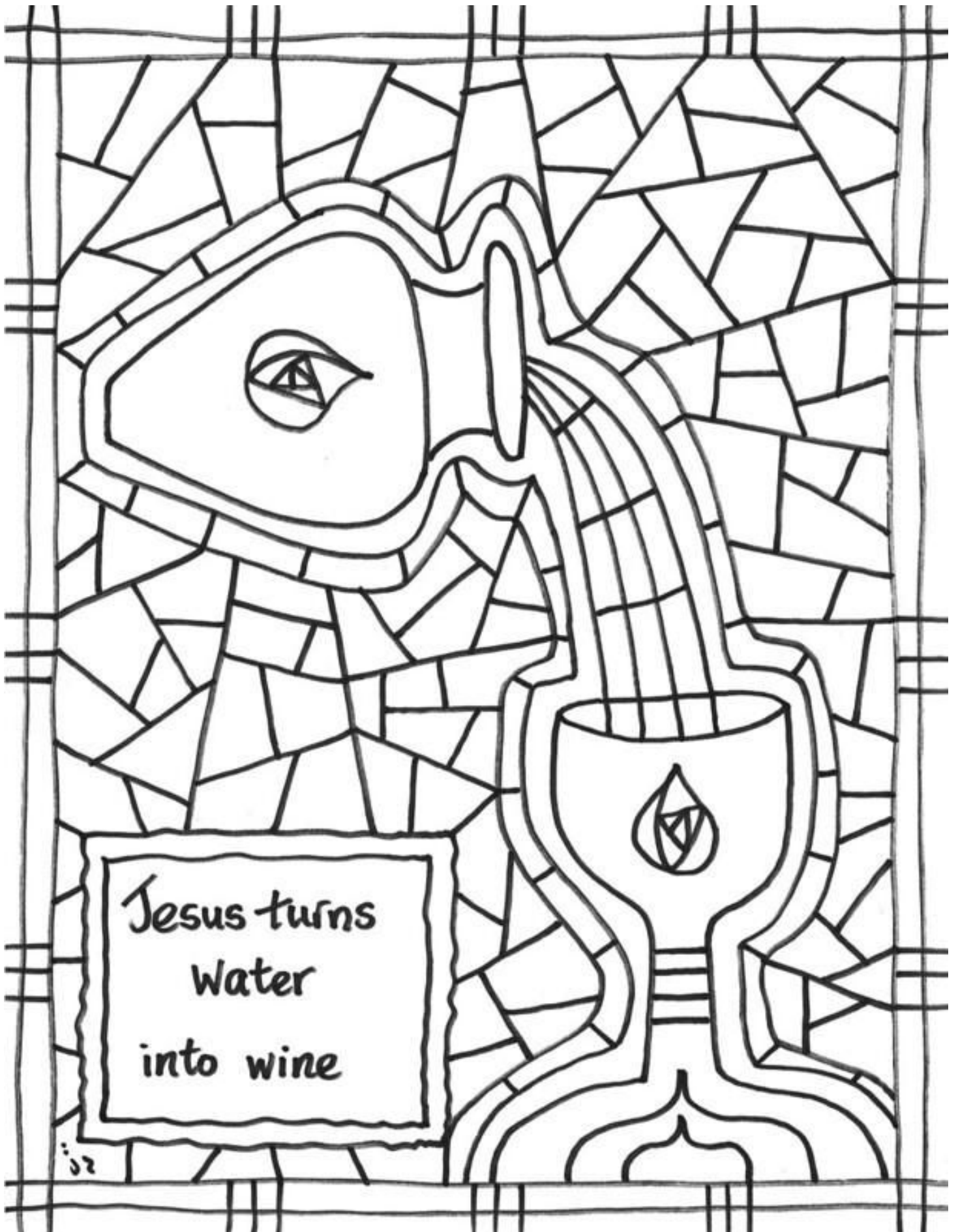
Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go--never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.



Jesus turns
Water
into wine