

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 17, 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

Lisa Horn

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

One: New life rises!

**Many: That which rises, must first fall and die.**

One: Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are released to the ground.

**Many: The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and nourish.**

One: Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the Living God.

**Many: And God will raise us up anew. Amen.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 464

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

\*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

Lisa Horn

\*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.**

## LENTEN CHORUS

“In Christ Alone”

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

CONFESSION

Anita Laffoon

**You call us to be your voices in this world, and we stay silent.  
You call us to be your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden.  
You call us to be your feet in this world, and we go our own way.  
When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us.  
When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.  
When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.  
Breathe life into these bones, bring freedom to these lives  
that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God.**

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

Anita Laffoon

HYMN No. 586

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE

[John 8:31-32](#)

Olivia Weah

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

SERMON

“To Tell The Truth”

Olivia Weah

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“He Looked Beyond My Faults”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 630

“We Shall Overcome”

MARTIN

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.

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March is Baptist Women in Ministry's Month of Advocacy, and we are participating by welcoming Olivia Weah as our guest preacher today! Olivia holds a Bachelor of Theology degree from Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently a student at the Baptist House of Studies at UPSem, working on her Master of Christian Education degree. She is also the Founder and Director of Community Services for the Rescue Mission for Drug addicted Youth in her home country, Liberia.

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### **Announcements**

#### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of March 17, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of humility, respecting and appreciating the gifts and contributions of all.

#### **Pray for our Ministry Partners**

Baptist Women in Ministry seeks to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women. Their newest documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*, will be released this summer and features the foremothers telling the story of how BWIM began.

#### **Study opportunities:**

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

#### **Holy Week Schedule**

- Palm Sunday - March 24th, 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday - March 28th, 7pm Potluck dinner and service
- Easter Sunday - March 31st, 9:15am brunch and 10:30am service

#### **Just for kids!**

We have 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)!

### **Backpack Update**

We are running low on grocery bags for our Backpack Ministry! Please bring in grocery-sized paper bags with handles for our weekly food deliveries to identified food insecure students at Frances McClenney Elementary School.

### **Page Turners**

The Page Turners Book Club will have their final meeting of the season on Sunday May 19th at 4pm. The book to be discussed is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Location TBA.

## **Hymn Texts**

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### **God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be  
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledges to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

### **Open My Eyes**

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### **We Shall Overcome**

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

- 2 The Lord will see us through.
- 3 We'll walk hand in hand.
- 4 We are not afraid (today).
- 5 The truth shall make us free.
- 6 We shall live in peace.



Saint  
Patrick's  
Day

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