

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent • March 3, 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.

*And I know I ain't been righteous
But there ain't nowhere to turn
I'm falling, but I don't know how far down
I don't need to understand it
I just need a guiding light
If you're selling faith, then I'm buying right now
If you're selling faith, then I'm buying right now
- Matchbox Twenty, "Selling Faith"*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Raymond Cady

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

One: Only the hungry search for bread, only the thirsty look for water.

Many: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

One: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it, only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

Many: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

One: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

Many: and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 422

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

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

Raymond Cady

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

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

CONFESSION

**God of the people,
you have called us to walk humbly before you
and to share in the struggle with the least of these,
yet we have failed to live up to this call.
Today, we come before you
asking your Spirit to empower us
to be agents of transformation for the world.
Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed
can find the living waters of God,
who calls us to live a life of service, of humility,
and of reconciliation with you, with creation,
and with the world.**

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

"Where Is Bread?"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered, faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it? One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it; all were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning; every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning: all we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us, leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us; at your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising; millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising: "You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit, bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it. Richly blest, may we serve you.
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SCRIPTURE

[Mark 6:30-44](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Selling Faith”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Bread of Heaven’ with ‘Selling Faith’”

Arr. Horn

HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 558

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

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 March 3, we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find cures for diseases.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Richmond Hill - Founded in 1987, Richmond Hill is an ecumenical Christian fellowship and residential community who serve as stewards of an urban retreat center within the setting of a historic monastery. Their Mission is to seek God's healing of Metropolitan Richmond through prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation and spiritual development.

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 NEXT SUNDAY 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! Scan the QR code below to sign up, or look for a link in Monday's announcements.

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)!

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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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share. God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

