

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Easter Sunday • March 31, 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

Sandra Hack Polaski

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

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves, and it is true! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always!

Many: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 216

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

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

Sandra Hack Polaski

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 No. 222

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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SCRIPTURE

[John 20:1-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“In the Name of Love”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “The Hallelujah Chorus’ with ‘In the Name of Love”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 228

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

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 31 we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Sophia Theological Seminary grew from a recognition that, in a changing environment, theological education requires a wise and creative re-imagining. Supported by the work of Sophia Farms, the seminary seeks to be an inclusive community where life together will be marked by daily rhythms of study, worship, fellowship, and work.

Guest Speaker

On April 7th, we're welcoming Jennifer Hawks as our guest speaker! Jennifer is originally from Germantown, Tennessee, and is the Director of Advocacy for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She was the director of advocacy and outreach services for the Family Abuse Center in Waco, Texas, where she conducted a legal clinic and led educational programs. She previously worked for two judges in the state of Mississippi and served as a staff attorney for the Mississippi Department of Human Services. She also served in both paid and volunteer ministry positions in Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas. She has published papers in the journal of the *Texas Baptist Historical Society* and *Baptist History & Heritage Journal*. Jennifer is a graduate of Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi School of Law, and earned a Master of Divinity degree from George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. She is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, Texas and Mississippi bars, and she was ordained into the Gospel ministry by McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia.

Study opportunities:

- Bible Study: Book of Acts – Will NOT meet this week, will resume on April 11.
- Sunday Morning – Sundays at 9am
- Ragamuffin Gospel, 2.0 – Will NOT meet this week, will resume on April 10.

Anita will be away...

...April 1-6. Please contact any of our deacons (Tracy Cady, Annie Campbell, Harry Gaines, Eric Johnson) while she is away.

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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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

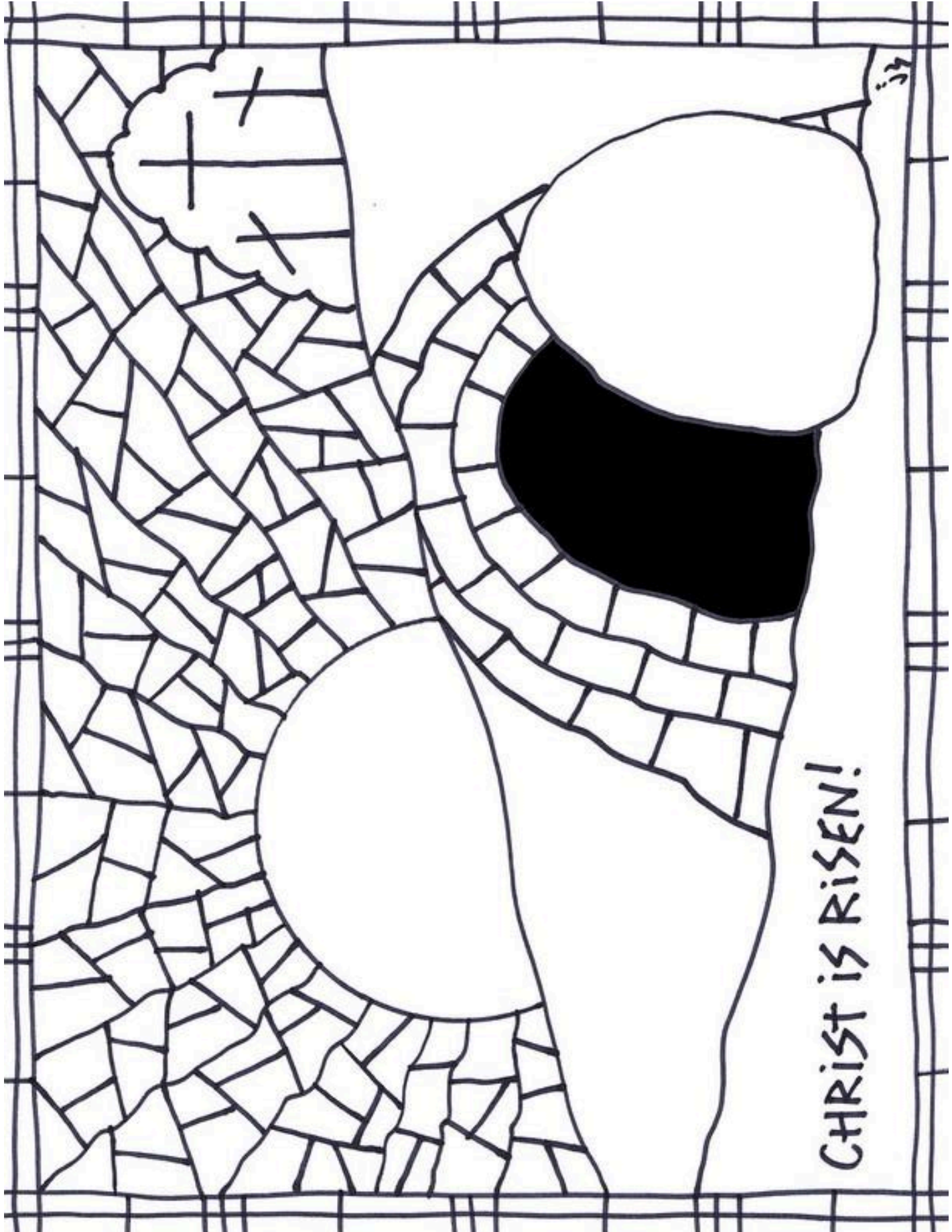
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
the voice of Christ, and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.



CHRIST IS RISEN!