

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter • April 14, 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

Don Polaski

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

One: Peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Come and see the love God has given to us.

Many: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

One: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

Many: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 226

"He Lives!"

ACKLEY

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

Don 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. 595

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

SCRIPTURE

[1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36-48](#)

Sandra Hack Polaski

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

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“How Not to Be a Sectarian”

Sandra Hack Polaski

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus’ with ‘I Can See Clearly Now”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 218

“Thine Is the Glory”

MACCABEUS

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 April 14, we pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

JourneyPartners is an ecumenical and interfaith not-for-profit ministry working nationally and internationally to develop networks and partnerships for mutual learning and spiritual growth, through cross-cultural immersion experiences, educational endeavors, construction and renovation projects, and service-learning opportunities. Their work primarily focuses on education, clean water, and health in Zimbabwe.

Civic Engagement Workshop

There are multiple ways to be an agent of change for your community. The Community Foundation has created “Civic Life Today: A Plan to Action” to educate and inspire participants to become active and engaged citizens. This 90 minute session will introduce participants to civic engagement, explore a community issue, and help participants develop a personalized plan for community action. When you align your skills and interests to community needs, real change happens, and everyone benefits. Participants will:

- Learn 9 ways to be civically engaged
- Uncover your personal values and motivations
- Learn about ways to give back with your time, money and voice

Look for a link in Monday’s announcements to sign up, or contact Sandra or Anita. **You will need to make an account before signing up!**

Study opportunities:

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

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** (we can’t use the ones without 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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He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever others say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
and just the time I need Him, He's always near.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
and tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast;
the day of His approaching will come at last.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

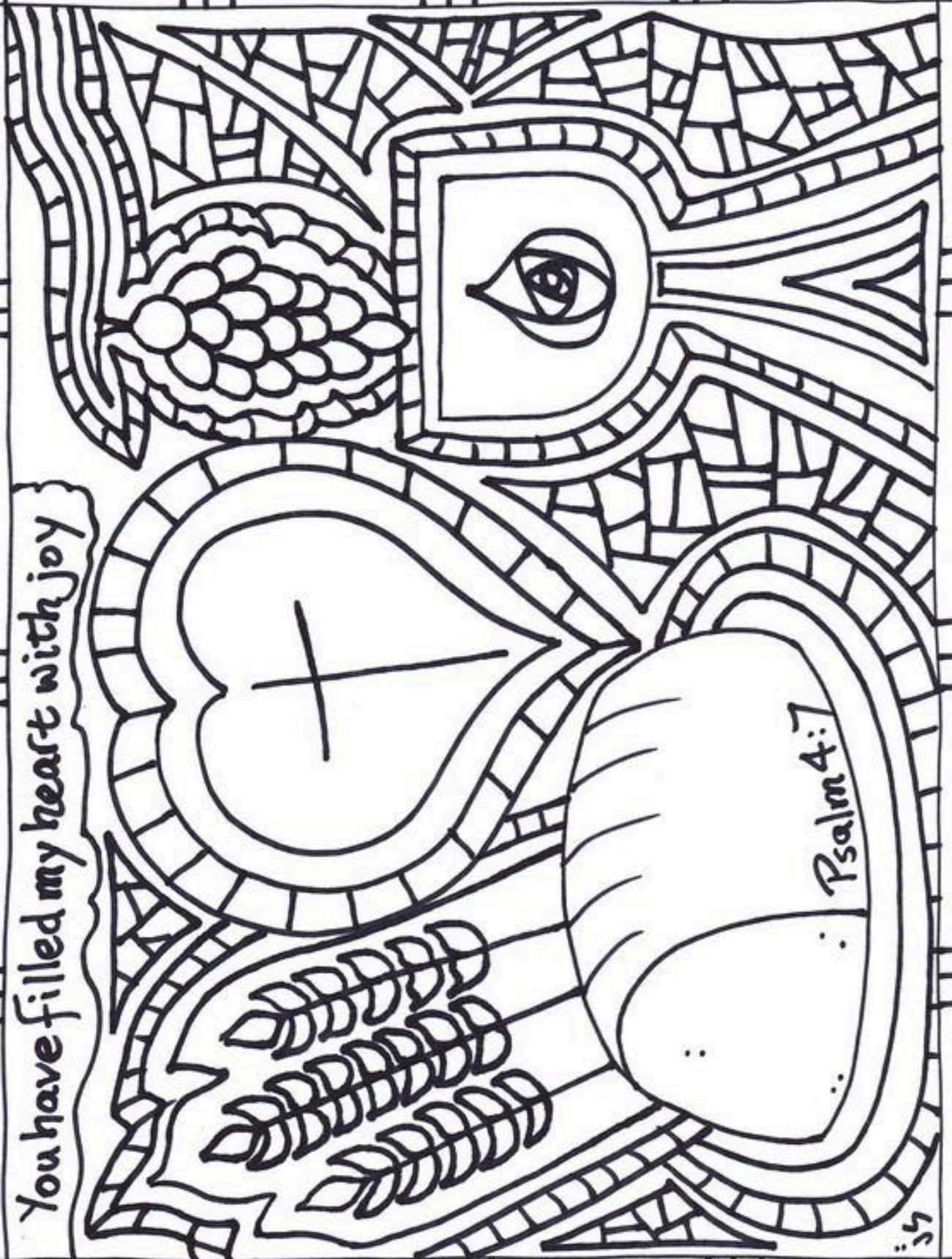
Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

You have filled my heart with joy



Psalm 4:7