

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 21, 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

Raymond Cady

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

One: Awaken from your slumber,

Many: and bring your fears and anxieties into the presence of the Lord our God.

One: Hear the call of our Shepherd, and allow the Shepherd's voice to lead us

Many: Lead us from selfish ambition to the feast of grace.

One: May the light of Christ shine into the hidden darkness of our lives and restore us

Many: Come let us worship God.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 5

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

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.

HYMN

"From Wisdom Emerging"

ST. DENIO

From Wisdom emerging, we fashion a space for people converging in safety and grace,
to shelter the freedom of one and of all in Love without border or boundary or wall.

Faith's journey reclaiming, we blaze a new trail with others, exclaiming: "Let justice prevail!"
Rejecting worn paths that oppress and mislead, we walk in community, cherished and freed!

Forever exploring, we seek to learn more of Wisdom's outpouring, of Love's open door.
Amazed at the mysteries and graces we find, we joyfully share them with all humankind.

The future progressing, we move through its change, old systems redressing, new patterns arrange;
protecting all freedoms with every new choice, we follow the Spirit and raise our clear voice!

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SCRIPTURE

[John 10:11-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Use My Voice"

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need' with 'Use my Voice'"

Arr. Horn

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 April 21, we pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For seminaries, bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Alliance of Baptists seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. They welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. Their core values are to create a theological Home, pursuit of God's Justice, and partnership in Mission.

Civic Engagement Workshop

Join us on April 28th! 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!**

Virginia BWIM Feast

VBWIM's annual Feast is May 3rd! Feast gathers us to nurture our creative, caring, spiritual selves through our very presence. We will gather together at table to enjoy a beautifully prepared meal, feast through sermons and our voices in worship, and delight using our senses through a diverse worship experience. Come, enjoy and share the tastes of the day. We are pleased to welcome two proclaimers, Rev. Mandy England Cole and Rev. Dr. Art Wright, who will lead us in worship.

The theme this year is Rise Up! "The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a woman mixes a little yeast into three big batches of flour. Finally, all the dough rises." - Matthew 13:33 (CEV).

To learn more and sign up by April 26th, visit <https://www.vbwim.org/feast-2024/>

Business Meeting

Please plan to stay after worship (in person and on Zoom) for a brief business meeting on May 5th.

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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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

My loving Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

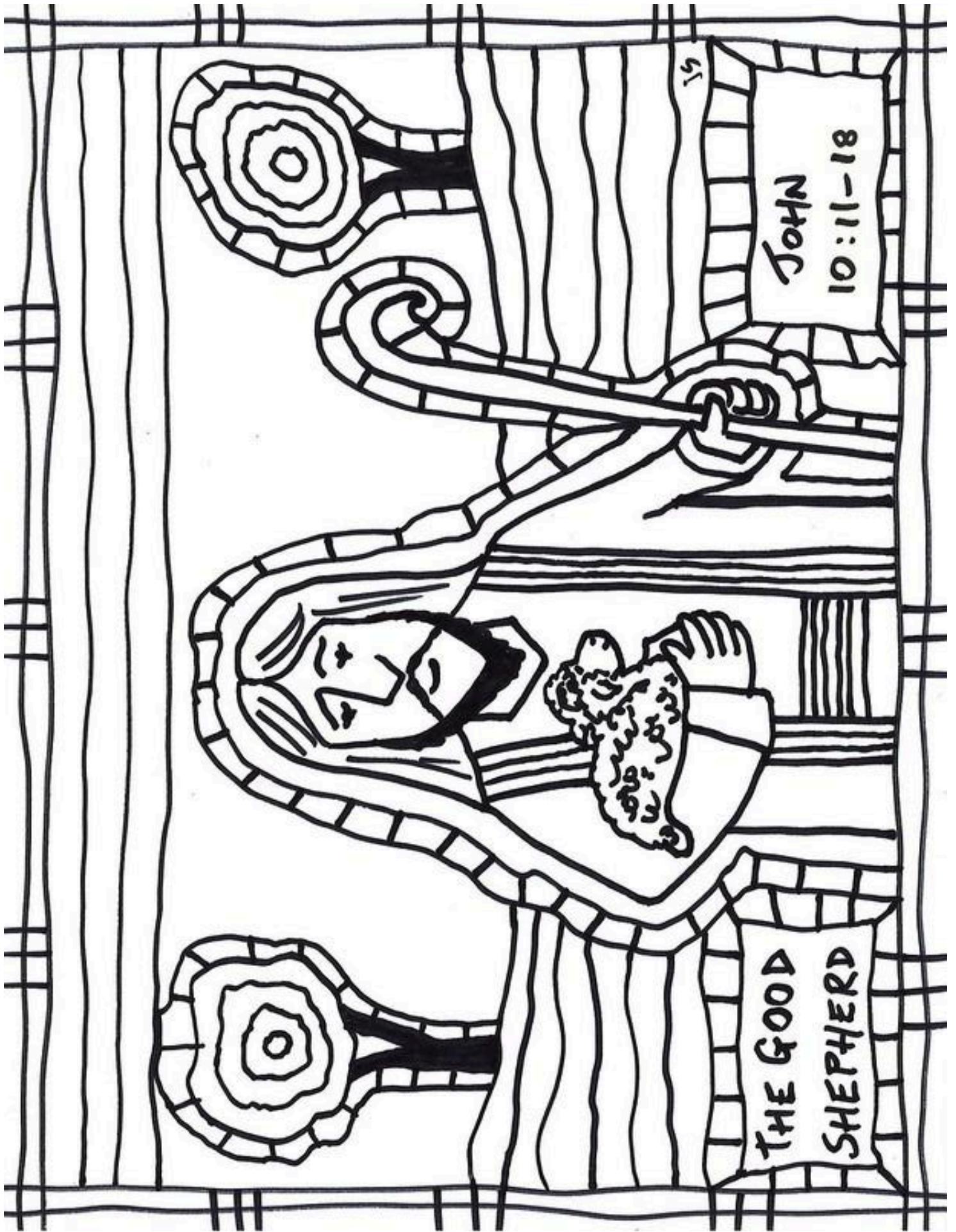
Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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.



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JOHN
10:11-18

THE GOOD
SHEPHERD