

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter • April 28, 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.

*"I want a fearless love, I won't settle for anything less."* - Melissa Etheridge

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Campbell

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

One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**Many: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**Many: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

One: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**Many: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**Many: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 419

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

\*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

Annie Campbell

\*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**

“O God, In Your Love”

ST. DENIO

O God, in your love, you have made us unique: in gifts and traditions, in service we seek,  
In race and in culture and family design diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth; you welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.  
You reached out to people whom others despised you said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

O Christ, with your welcome your church feels unease: we stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.  
Yet this is your body, the church that you love O Lord, do you weep for your church from above?

So may your church welcome in loving accord all people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.

O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

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**SCRIPTURE**

[John 15:1-8](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

**SERMON**

“Fearless Love”

Anita Laffoon

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN No. 578**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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**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 28, we pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform, and common ministry within the faith community.

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

River City Faith Network is a network of churches that work together to serve the city of Richmond through a variety of ministry opportunities. Ministry Centers include Camp Alkulana, The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, Oregon Hill Baptist Center, South Richmond Baptist Center, Central Virginia Raceway Ministry, and the WMU.

### **Business Meeting**

Please plan to stay after worship (in person and on Zoom) for a brief business meeting NEXT SUNDAY, 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](mailto: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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### **All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### **I Need Thee Every Hour**

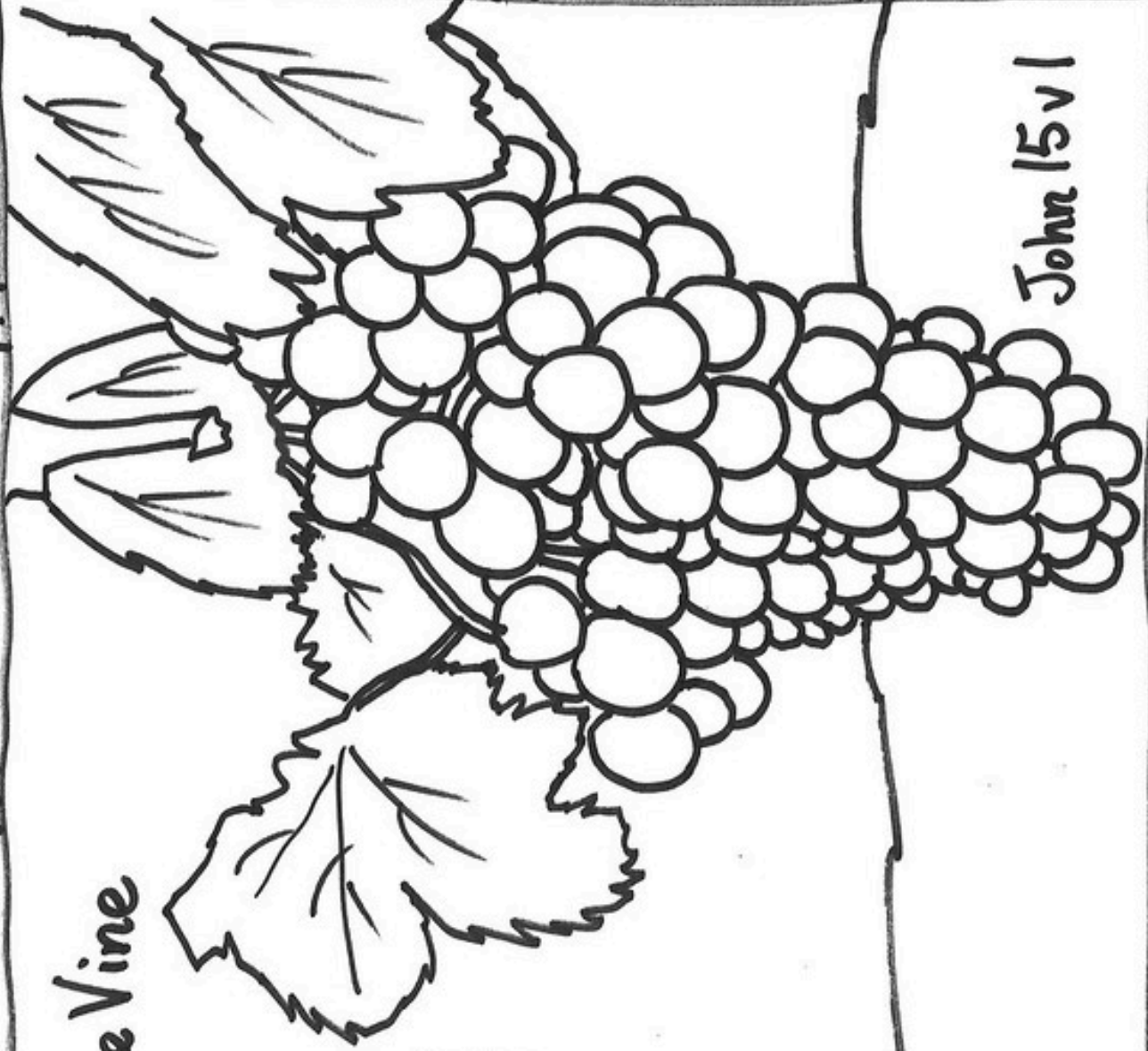
I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

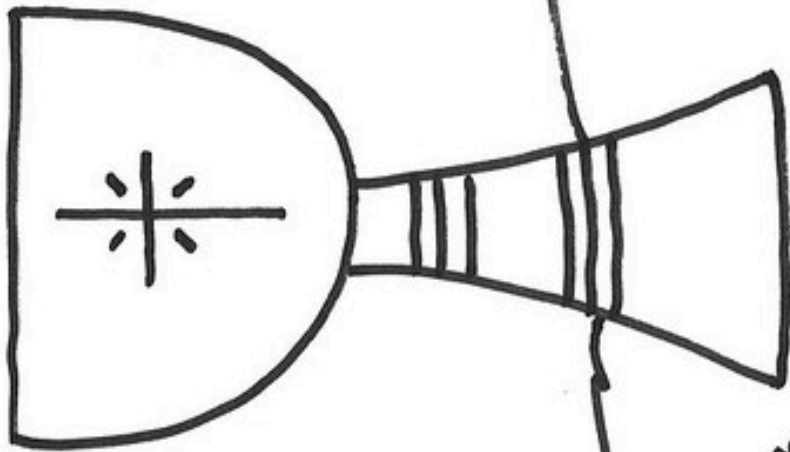
I need thee every hour in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide or life is vain.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I am the True Vine



John 15 v 1



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