

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Second Sunday of Easter • April 27, 2025 • 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

Lisa Horn

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

One: For those times when we move in the shadow, unaware or unwilling to be aware of how our actions affect others,

Many: we come together, in the light, to find our joy in God.

One: For those times when we deceive ourselves – not revealing to ourselves or others the true nature of our vulnerabilities and fears,

Many: we come together in the truth, to find forgiveness in fellowship.

One: For those times when life has been revealed, and we have ignored or denied it,

Many: we come together to touch grace in the presence of the Spirit of Christ.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Ris’n Today”

NOS GALAN

See the attached music

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

Lisa Horn

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. 254

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

SCRIPTURE

[John 20:19-31](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“More Than Words”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee’ with ‘More Than Words’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 230

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Noel NOUVELET

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: We shall celebrate Easter!

Many: Alleluia!

One: We shall bring love to those who are sad,

Many: and share joy with those who are happy.

One: We will live our lives to the glory of God

Many: We will live in Easter joy and Easter hope.

One: And we will bring new life to those we meet.

Many: Alleluia!

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 27, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Side by Side is dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. They provide support groups and counseling for youth, housing services for young adults, and support for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth in Richmond.

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor meets on Thursdays at 6pm. Contact Anita for more information.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** – is reading *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You* at 9am on Sunday mornings. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

Business Meeting

Please plan to attend our next quarterly business meeting on May 18th, immediately after worship. We hope you can join us either in person or via Zoom.

Page Turner Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club will next meet on Sunday May 18, 2025. Location TBA. The book for discussion will be: *The Guilty One* by Kiersten Modglin.

Backpack Update

We are in need of paper bags with handles for our weekly backpack food program. Please continue to bring in your bags from your shopping trips, and if you are able please purchase extras. See Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak for more details.

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)!

Hymn Texts

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Now the Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid the love by hatred slain, thinking that Jesus would not wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain, who that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, the risen Christ is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

