

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent • April 6, 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.

*I don't know how to say exactly how I feel
And I can't begin to tell you what your love has
meant
I'm lost for words
Is there a way to show the passion in my heart
Can I express how truly great I think you are
You're my dearest friend
Lord this is my desire to pour my love on you*

*Like oil upon your feet
Like wine for you to drink
Life water from my heart
I pour my love on you
With praises like the perfume
I lavish mine on you
Till every drop is gone
I pour my love on you*

- Phillips, Craig & Dean

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Larson McGuire

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

One: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness

Many: and water the desert.

One: Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining.

Many: Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing,

One: May our lives proclaim the extravagance of your love for all,

Many: And the fragrance of your love be carried to all the world. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 99

"O, How I Love Jesus"

O, How I LOVE JESUS

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

Scott Larson McGuire

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.

LENTEN CHORUS

“Where Are You, God? We Long to Know”

O WALY WALY

Where are you, God? We long to know. At times, our sorrows overflow.
Then others ask the question, too. "Where is your God?" — they say of you.
We've seen the wages of our sin; we've dreamed of things that might have been.
We've given in to hate and fear; we've pushed away those you hold dear.
May we put feasts and games aside; may we tear down the walls of pride.
We're sorry, Lord! We've turned from you! So now we ask "What can we do?"
Still you are gracious, loving, kind. We'll turn around! Now is the time!
These Lenten days, O God, may we become your blest community.
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CONFESSION

You call us to be your voices in this world, and we stay silent.
You call us to be your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden.
You call us to be your feet in this world, and we go our own way.
When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us.
When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.
When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.
Breathe life into these bones, bring freedom to these lives
that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN NO. 527

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

SCRIPTURE

[John 12:1-8](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Pour My Love on You”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Give Me Jesus”

Trad. Arr. Paul Johnston/M. Biddle

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 97

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

ST. ELIZABETH

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to

Many: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God

One: walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

Many: walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

One: O God, who makes all things new,

Many: new stars, new dust, new life;

One: take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat,

Many: and create something new in us.

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 6, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

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.

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor begins Thursday, April 3rd 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.

Save the Dates!

Holy Week services for GPBC:

- Palm Sunday - April 13th, service at 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday - April 17th, service at 7pm (with Anointed New Life Baptist and First Mennonite)
- Good Friday - April 18th, Self-guided “Teach Us to Pray” prayer stations from 4-8pm
- Easter Sunday - April 20th, Brunch at 9am, service at 10:30am. Bring a dish to share!

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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O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to speak its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
who in my sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Move Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best;
this all my pray'r shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee.

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its pray'r shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry hosts:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Mary poured it
on Jesus' Feet ...

... and wiped His
feet with
her hair.