

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • May 4, 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 know we're headed somewhere, I can see how far
we've come*

But still, I can't remember anything

*Let's not do the wrong thing and I swear it might be
fun*

*It's a long way down when all the knots we've tied
have come undone*

Anywhere you go, I'll follow you down

Anyplace, but those I know by heart

Anywhere you go, I'll follow you down

I'll follow you down, but not that far...

- Gin Blossoms, "Follow You Down"

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sully McDowell

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

One: Day by day, God leads us:

Many: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

Many: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

Many: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 78

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

CRIMOND

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

Sully McDowell

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. 545

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

HE LEADETH ME

SCRIPTURE

[Psalm 23](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Follow You Down”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘The King of Love My Shepherd Is’ with ‘Follow You Down’” Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 628

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

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 May 11, we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and their caregivers – doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others. For clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

RPS Foundation - The mission of Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation is to partner with Richmond Public Schools to actively develop philanthropic resources and community relationships that support the goal to improve student learning and achievement in preparation for success in college, career, and community.

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor meets on Thursdays at 6pm. Contact Anita for more information.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** – meets at 9am on Sunday mornings. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursdays 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 18th at Addison Schmitt's home. 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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The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. God makes me down to lie
in pastures green, and leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul thou dost restore again, and me to walk dost make
within the paths of righteousness e'en for thine own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost anoint with oil, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

