

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 18, 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

Connie Bak

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

One: May we dream of a world made new, where together we shout for justice,

Many: And as one we fight against oppression.

One: May we dream of a world made new, where together we seek God's righteousness

Many: And as one we sing God's praise.

One: May we dream of a world made new, where together we climb God's mountain,

Many: And as one we enter the promised land.

One: May we dream of a world made new, where together we proclaim the good news of God's kingdom,

Many: And as one we enjoy its peace, abundance, and love.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 56

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

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

Connie Bak

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. 18

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Story”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ with ‘The Story’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 365

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

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 18, we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs. For persons diagnosed with chronic illness.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia is one of two Baptist associations that Ginter Park Baptist is aligned with (CBF and the Alliance of Baptists). CBFVA is committed to walking alongside congregations as they live out their unique call through Advocacy, Partnerships, and Theological Education. This year's General Assembly will be September 23rd at Richmond's First Baptist Church.

Study Opportunities

Our study groups will take a break during the summer months, but will be back in the fall! See below for each group's final meeting this month.

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor meets on Thursdays at 6pm. Final meeting will be May 22nd. Contact Anita for more information.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** – meets at 9am on Sunday mornings. Final meeting is May 18th. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Final meeting will be May 22nd. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

Business Meeting

Please plan to attend our next quarterly business meeting TODAY 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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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best Gift Divine! to our world so freely given;
for that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always, as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is for ever sure;
whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us, God, transform!

