

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Third 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.

*Wake me up inside
Wake me up inside
Call my name and save me from the dark...*
- Evanescence

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Raymond Cady

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

One: Friends, if you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

Many: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

Many: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

One: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

Many: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

One: Come join us, friends!

Many: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN 543

"Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

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

Raymond Cady

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. 586

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE

[Acts 9:1-20](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Bring Me To Life”

Anita Laffoon

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Open the Eyes of My Heart’ with ‘Bring Me To Life’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 586

“Amazing Grace!”

NEW BRITAIN

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 4, we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities. For persons working to find cures for diseases.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Richmond Hill - Founded in 1987, Richmond Hill is an ecumenical Christian fellowship and residential community who serve as stewards of an urban retreat center within the setting of a historic monastery. Their Mission is to seek God's healing of Metropolitan Richmond through prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation and spiritual development.

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 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 18th at Addison Schmitt's home. The book for discussion will be: *The Guilty One* by Kiersten Modglin.

Camp Alkulana

Camp Alkulana is having a cookout on May 18th for their campers and families, and we are invited to join the fun and help out. The meal is potluck, with Camp providing hot dogs, hot dog buns, and all of the things that you can put on a hot dog, drinks, paper products, and craft supplies. See the Monday Realm announcements for details.

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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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Amazing Grace!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.



Psalm 30

You turned my wailing
into dancing