

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter • June 1, 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

Sandra Polaski

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

One: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

Many: for all are welcome in God's house.

One: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

Many: for love is the language of faith.

One: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

Many: for God dwells in each of us.

One: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Many: Come, let us worship together

INVOCATION PRAYER

Sandra Polaski

HYMN No. 709

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Sandra Polaski

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

“Wherever You Will Journey, I Will Go”

KINGSFOLD

When famine spread across the land, a family fled in fear.
They sought a place with food to eat, and found a future near.
But sorrow came — the loved ones died, and grief was all around.
Naomi wept, and with her cries, she heard love’s deeper sound.

For Ruth arose with steadfast grace and would not walk away:
“Where you will go, I too will go, with you I choose to stay.
Your people shall become my own, your God will be my guide;
Where you will live and where you die, I’ll never leave your side.”

They journeyed on, two women strong, with hope and fear as one,
Not knowing what the days would bring or what might yet be done.
And when they reached a stranger’s field, God’s mercy led the way —
Through Ruth, through Boaz, through their love, new life began to stay.

O God, when we feel lost or worn, or face the pain of change,
When grief and fear grow deep within and joy feels out of range —
Still call us on with hope like Ruth’s, and help us bravely show
The love that crosses borders wide and says, “I’ll always go.”

SCRIPTURE

[Ruth 1:1-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Landslide”

Anita Laffoon

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“‘Pass It On’ with ‘Landslide’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 477

“Pass It On”

PASS IT ON

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 June 1, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who are incarcerated in jails and prisons, their families, and their loved ones.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Alliance of Baptists seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. They welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. Their core values are to create a theological Home, pursuit of God's Justice, and partnership in Mission.

Study Opportunities

Our study groups will take a break during the summer months, but will be back in the fall!

Summer Playlist

It's here! Our Summer Playlist sermon series has begun! If you want to start listening now, you can find all of the songs that we'll be using this summer (in order) on Spotify -

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/48MMPHifkuqnetXoVfiwrJ?si=1b3c5c664f5b4cdb>

Diversity Richmond

Give back this Pride Month! From June 1st through June 30th, Diversity Richmond is holding a supply drive. Items being collected include water bottle cases, deodorant, manual can openers, body wipes, travel-size toiletries, toothbrushes, hair ties, and menstrual products. All donations must be unopened, unexpired, and sealed. You can drop off items for the supply drive here at church or at Diversity Thrift.

Backpack Update

Our Backpack deliveries are winding down for the year. But, we'll still need bags for the fall so please continue

to collect paper bags (with handles) this summer!

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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Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing forth that God is near!
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing,
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming,
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found—

on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

“Landslide” - Fleetwood Mac

I took my love, I took it down
Climbed a mountain and I turned around
And I saw my reflection in the snow covered hills
'Til the landslide brought me down
Oh, mirror in the sky, what is love?
Can the child within my heart rise above?
Can I sail through the changin' ocean tides?
Can I handle the seasons of my life?

Well, I've been 'fraid of changin'
'Cause I've built my life around you
But time makes you bolder
Even children get older
And I'm gettin' older, too

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And I'm gettin' older, too
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Ah, take my love, take it down
Oh, climb a mountain and turn around
And if you see my reflection in the snow covered hills
Well, the landslide will bring it down
And if you see my reflection in the snow covered hills
Well, the landslide will bring it down
Oh, the landslide will bring it down

1.
Love
the
LORD
your
God

2.
Love
your
neighbor



The Great Commandments

