

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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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

Nancy Williams

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

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

Many: We are the salt of the earth.

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

Many: We are the light of the world.

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

Many: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Many: Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

INVOCATION PRAYER

Nancy Williams

HYMN NO. 67

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

Some of us stand while singing, and others don't. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

This hymn reflects on the brevity of life and the eternal nature of God, providing the same sobering awareness that drives the urgency in “Live Like You Were Dying.”

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Nancy Williams

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. 601

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

I AM THINE

The theme of drawing closer to God in the time we have echoes the heart of “Live Like You Were Dying.”

SCRIPTURE

[Matt 22:34-40](#)

Anita Laffoon

[Mark 11:15-19](#)

[Luke 22:14-23](#)

[John 13:1-5, 12-15](#)

SERMON

“Live Like You Were Dying”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘It Is Well’ with ‘Live Like You Were Dying’”

Arr. Horn

“It Is Well with My Soul’s” peaceful trust in God amidst life’s uncertainties mirrors the kind of spiritual resolve one hopes to achieve when living with urgency and gratitude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN 609

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

HENDON

This hymn reflects the desire to live intentionally and faithfully, surrendering every aspect of life to God—much like the song’s call to cherish time and make it count.

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

Many: Now we go back out into the world.

One: We came together to build relationships,

Many: Relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.

One: We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections

Many: Ready to love and to serve. Ready to carry God's love to the world.

One: As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,

Many: Let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.

One: Go with God, as the people of God.

Many: So be it! Amen

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 22, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the victims of violent crime and for those who perpetuate violent crime. For situations and institutions that condone, promote, or encourage violent behaviors.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ. For more than 100 years, the Baptist World Alliance has networked the Baptist family to impact the world for Christ with a commitment to strengthen worship, fellowship and unity; lead in mission and evangelism; respond to people in need through aid, relief, and community development; defend religious freedom, human rights, and justice; and advance theological reflection and leadership development.

Guest Speakers

Our guest preacher on June 29th will be the Rev. Erica Saunders! Erica is the communications manager of BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz. One of the first openly trans women ordained in Baptist life, she has served churches in Ohio and North Carolina. In her free time she enjoys baking for friends; snuggling with her cat, Biscuit; and taking leisurely walks through the woods and calling it hiking.

Our guest preacher on July 6th will be Grace Maguire! Grace graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in May 2025 with a dual Master degree - Divinity and Public Theology. Grace grew up in the Bon Air area and graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland in 2019. Grace is passionate about making time to be with God in nature spaces, so you can often find them on one of Richmond's many beautiful trails with their two Boykin Spaniels or a group of friends. Feel free to come by the office to say hello, if you hear music coming from the office then Grace is in!

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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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

“Live Like You Were Dying” - Tom McGraw

He said, "I was in my early 40s with a lot of life
before me
When a moment came that stopped me on a dime
I spent most of the next days looking at the X-rays
Talkin' 'bout the options and talkin' 'bout sweet
times"

I asked him when it sank in
That this might really be the real end
How's it hit ya when you get that kind of news?
Man, whatcha do?

And he said
"I went skydiving, I went Rocky Mountain climbing
I went two point seven seconds on a bull named Fu
Man Chu
And I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denyin'"
And he said, "Some day I hope you get the chance
To live like you were dyin'"

He said, "I was finally the husband that most the
time I wasn't
And I became a friend a friend would like to have
And all of a sudden goin' fishin' wasn't such an
imposition
And I went three times that year I lost my dad
Well I, I finally read the good book
And I took a good long hard look
At what I'd do if I could do it all again
And then

"I went skydiving, I went Rocky Mountain climbing
I went two point seven seconds on a bull named Fu
Man Chu
And I loved deeper, and I spoke sweeter
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denyin' "
And he said, "Some day I hope you get the chance
To live like you were dyin'"

"Like tomorrow was a gift
And ya got eternity to think about what to do with it
What did you do with it?
What did I do with it?
What would I do with it?"

"Skydiving, I went Rocky Mountain climbing
I went two point seven seconds on a bull named Fu
Man Chu
Then I loved deeper, and I spoke sweeter
And I watched an eagle as it was flyin'"
And he said, "Some day I hope you get the chance
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