

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

Annie Campbell

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

One: Holy One, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

Many: Fill all creation with that word again.

One: Proclaim your joyful promises to all nations

Many: Sing of your glorious hope to all peoples.

One: And may we become one living body,

Many: May we become your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 322

“O Word of God Incarnate”

HYFRYDOL

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

This hymn explores the mystery of God-with-us, along with the challenge of recognizing Christ in the everyday.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Annie Campbell

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. 102**“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”**

ST. AGNES

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” illustrates the personal, almost aching closeness to Jesus as a friend and companion while humanizing Christ in a way that complements the “what if God was one of us” question and affirms the Incarnation.

SCRIPTURE[John 1:1-5, 14-18](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON**“One of Us”**

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE **“Open My Eyes’ with ‘One of Us”** Arr. Horn

“Open My Eyes” asks God to help us perceive the divine in daily life while encouraging us to look for God’s presence in human form—which resonates with “One of Us” asking what if we saw God face to face.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**HYMN No. 452****“Here I Am, Lord”**

HERE I AM, LORD

In the hymn, “Here I Am, Lord,” God is calling ordinary people to carry divine light and presence while imagining God in intimate communication with humanity—and working through humanity.

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 July 13, we pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and government employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

JourneyPartners is an ecumenical and interfaith not-for-profit ministry working nationally and internationally to develop networks and partnerships for mutual learning and spiritual growth, through cross-cultural immersion experiences, educational endeavors, construction and renovation projects, and service-learning opportunities. Their work primarily focuses on education, clean water, and health in Zimbabwe.

Christmas in July

Join us on July 27th at 10:30am for a Christmas in July worship service! Bring your favorite holiday snack to share, and come enjoy a fun time of mid-year Christmas cheer!

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>

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 Word of God, Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
Your word is chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now; and through eternity.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

“One of Us” - Joan Osborne

If God had a name, what would it be?
And would you call it to His face
If you were faced with Him in all His glory?
What would you ask if you had just one question?

And yeah, yeah, God is great
Yeah, yeah, God is good
Yeah, yeah, yeah-yeah-yeah

What if God was one of us
Just a slob like one of us
Just a stranger on the bus
Tryin' to make His way home?

If God had a face, what would it look like?
And would you want to see
If seeing meant that you would have to believe
In things like Heaven and in Jesus and the saints
And all the prophets?

And yeah, yeah, God is great
Yeah, yeah, God is good
Yeah, yeah, yeah-yeah-yeah

What if God was one of us
Just a slob like one of us
Just a stranger on the bus
Tryin' to make His way home?

Tryin' to make His way home
Back up to Heaven all alone
Nobody callin' on the phone
'Cept for the Pope, maybe in Rome

What if God was one of us
Just a slob like one of us
Just a stranger on the bus
Tryin' to make His way home?

