

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • August 3, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nadene Eads

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

One: Rise above the ways of the world

Many: We are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

One: Rise above the ways of the world

Many: We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

One: Rise above the ways of the world:

Many: We are called to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

One: Rise above the ways of the world:

Many: We are called to live into the ways of Jesus. Come, let us worship Christ, and follow him.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 595

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

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

"Be Thou My Vision" reflects the spirit of Psalm 37 and "I Still Believe" by expressing a deep trust in God's guidance, even in times of darkness, and a longing to see with faith when clarity is hard to find.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Nadene Eads

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. 609

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

HENDON

“Take My Life and Let It Be” mirrors the message of Psalm 37 and “I Still Believe” by offering a wholehearted surrender to God’s will, trusting that a life committed to the Lord will find peace, purpose, and enduring hope.

SCRIPTURE

[Psalm 37:1-11](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“I Still Believe”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 556

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

Like “I Still Believe,” the hymn “Trust and Obey” echoes Psalm 37’s call to commit our way to God, reminding us that steadfast trust and faithful living are our response even when we don’t understand the outcome.

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 August 3, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For safe, respectful work environments, healthy work ethics and attitudes, and sufficient salary and benefits for all workers.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry is one of our new ministry partners! Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry (VBWIM) is an association of persons, both women and men, lay and professional, who perceive what they do as Christian Ministry, and who seek to provide an avenue for mutual support, encouragement and empowerment. VBWIM is an autonomous entity that, while related in purpose to BWIM, is financially independent from them.

Church Check-in

Please mark your calendars for a Church Check-in immediately after worship on August 17th. Left Brain will be giving an update on possible new spaces for us.

VA Pride

We have a booth at Pride again this year! Mark your calendars for Sept 27th, 12pm-6pm. Details and sign-up sheet coming soon!

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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Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he will richly repay;

not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;

for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;

what he says we will do, where he sends we will go--never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

“I Still Believe” - Russ Taff

I've been in a cave
For forty days
Only a spark
To light my way

I want to give out
I want to give in
This is our crime
This is our sin
But I still believe

I still believe
Through the pain
And through the grief
Through the lies
And through the storms
Through the cries
And through the wars
I still believe

Flat on my back
Out at sea
Hoping these waves
Don't cover me

I'm turned and tossed
Upon the waves
When the darkness comes
I feel the grave
But I still believe

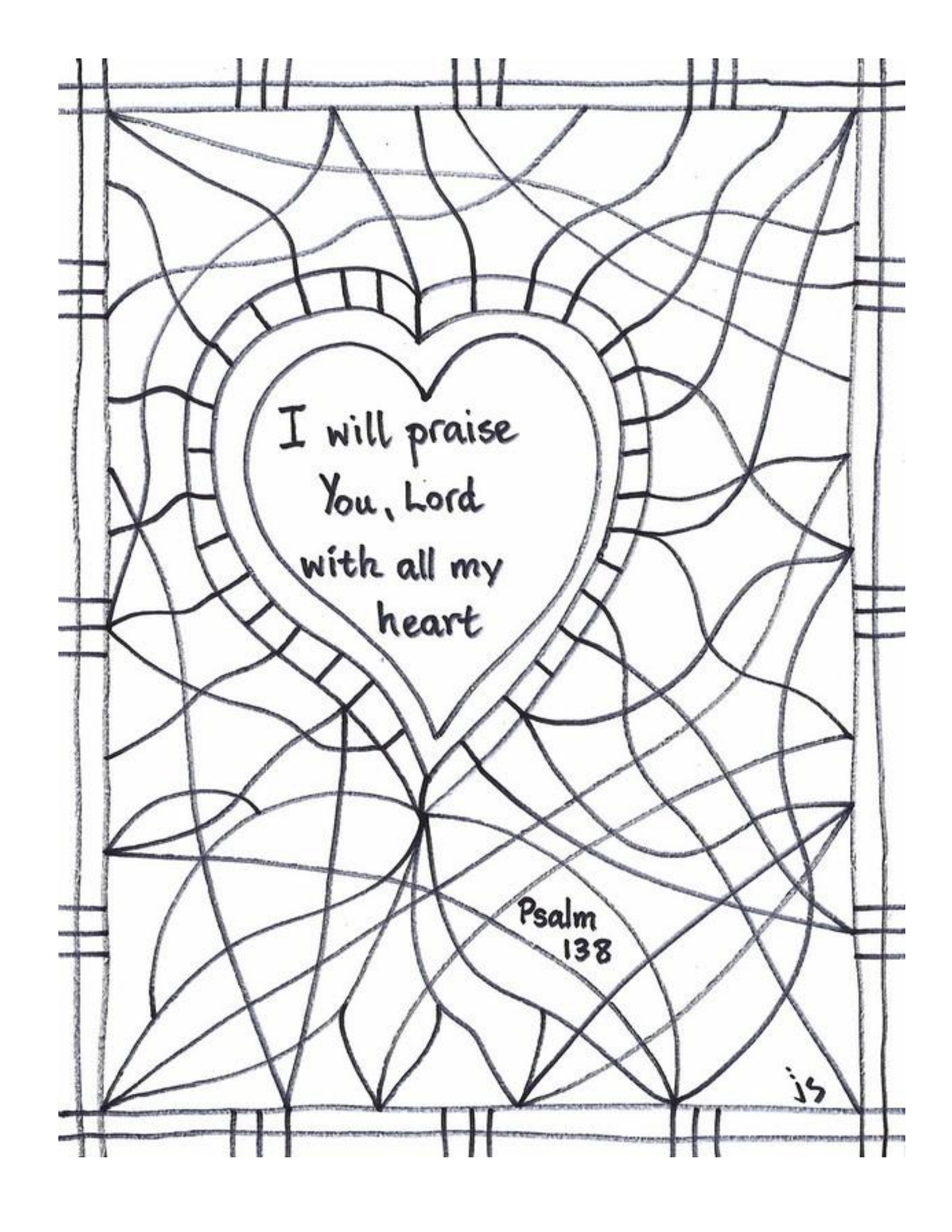
I still believe
Through the cold and through the heat
Through the rain
And through the tears
Through the crowds
And through the cheers
I still believe

I'll march this road
I'll climb this hill
Upon my knees If I have to

I'll take my place
Upon this stage
I'll wait till the end of time
For You

For people like us
In places like this
We need all the hope
That we can get

I still believe
I still believe
Through the shame
And through the grief
Through the heartache
And through the tears
Through the waiting
And through the years
I still believe



I will praise
You, Lord
with all my
heart

Psalm
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