

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost • June 28, 2026 • 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.

*I know You're able
And I know You can
Save through the fire
With Your mighty hand
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone*

*I know the sorrow
And I know the hurt
Would all go away
If You'd just say the word
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone...
(Mercy Me, "Even If")*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Raymond Cady

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

Leader: Come, people of God, and journey with Abraham to the mountain of faith.

People: We come seeking the God who provides when the path ahead is unclear.

Leader: Though trials may test our hearts and questions may fill our minds,

People: We trust the One whose promises are greater than our fears.

Leader: Even if the answer is different from what we desire,

People: We will praise the Lord who never abandons us.

Leader: Let us lay aside our pride and place our hope in God's faithfulness.

People: With humble hearts and steadfast trust, we worship the God who provides.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN 601

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

I AM THINE

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

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

Raymond Cady

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

“When Abraham Went Up”

LEONI

When Abraham went up to offer you his son
O God, we grieve to think of what he might have done.
And yet we know it's true: to follow has a price.
To do what we are called to do means sacrifice.

The sacrifice that day was not a father's boy,
But being willing to obey and bring you joy.
O Lord, what you desire won't rise to you above
In violent act or smoke or fire; it's found in love.

The way to worship you is with an open hand —
With willingness to gladly do what you have planned.

You call us to let go, to let you be our guide,
For when we do we'll surely know that you provide.

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SCRIPTURE

[Genesis 22:1-14](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Even If”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“‘Have Thine O Way, Lord’ with ‘Even If’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 537

“My Hope Is Built”

SOLID ROCK

CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Go now in the faith of Abraham, trusting God beyond what you can see.

People: We go with confidence in the God who provides.

Leader: Even if the road is difficult, even if the answers are delayed,

People: We will remember that God’s faithfulness never fails.

Leader: Leave behind all pride that keeps you from depending upon the Lord.

People: We will walk humbly, trusting God’s wisdom above our own.

Leader: May the God of Mount Moriah provide for your needs, strengthen your spirit, and fill your heart with hope.

People: We go in faith, proclaiming that God is good—even if. 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 28, 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 mission of Midwives for Haiti is to increase access to skilled maternity care in Haiti by training skilled birth attendants, and providing compassionate, culturally congruent maternity care. They work in collaboration with Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population and other organizations to deliver culturally appropriate, high impact health interventions. They train skilled birth attendants from rural areas and get them to women who need them. Their programs educate and empower Haitian women and men to improve the health of their communities, creating lasting change in their lives and the lives of the mothers and children they care for.

Summer Learning

For years the Thursday Morning Bible Study group has been asking me to talk about the Trinity. So, to placate them, we'll have a session on the subject on Thursday, July 23, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at church. Everyone is invited!! Bring your own lunch, drink, and Bible. Coffee and dessert will be provided.
Don Polaski

Book Club News

The Page Turners Book Club is on break for the summer. Our first meeting of the 2026-2027 season will be 4pm, Sunday Sept. 20, 2026 at 2301 Hillard Road. The first meeting will be a discussion of what everyone has read over the summer. We are asking all those attending in September to bring 1, 2 or 3 titles to promote as a future pick (you do not need to have already read the book ahead of time). If you are not on our contact list and

would like to be, please give your email info to Kelly Schmitt (in person, by text or email, she's in the directory). All are welcome!

VA Pridefest

Save the date - Pridefest is Sept 12th! We are working on a plan with our friends at Seventh Street Christian Church and Grace Baptist Church again this year. Join us today at 4pm on Zoom if you would like to help plan our booth!

Backpack Update

THANK YOU! We are a little late on getting this "out there"! Connie and Dixie certainly APPRECIATE you! We think this past year was our 11th year (at least) for our Back Pack Ministry with FMEMS! Amazing, 36 bags of food (approx 20 items/bag) weekly (during school year) for 9 months x 11 years! That's a lot of food...feeding 36 food insecure children!!! You ALL are AMAZING! PS: Keep saving those handled grocery bags...we will be BACK TO IT soon!!!

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!

Hymn Texts

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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.

My Hope Is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

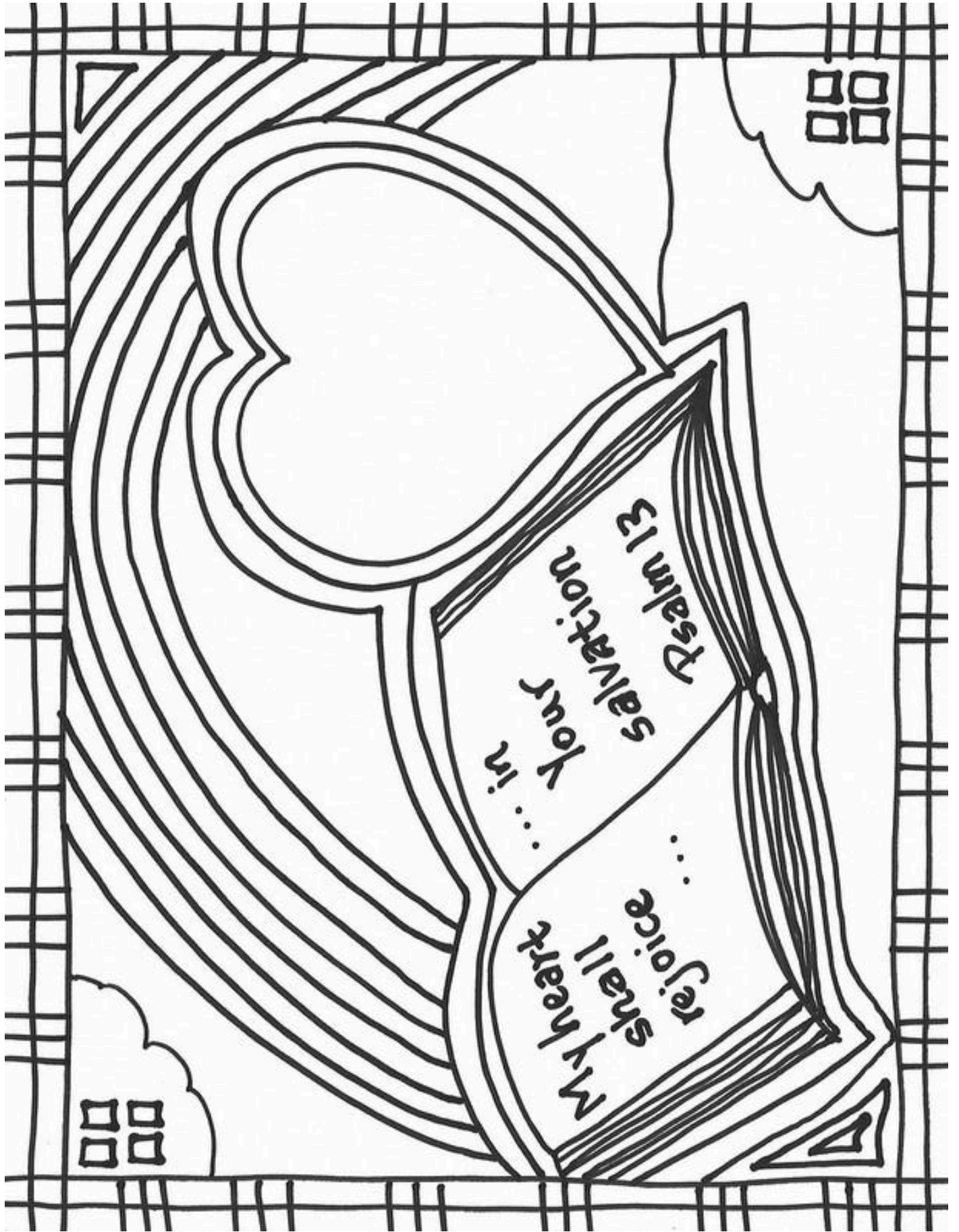
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.



My heart
shall
rejoice
...
in
your
salvation
Psalm 13

