

# Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Second Sunday after Pentecost • June 7, 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.

*Calling out for you again  
You always guide my way  
Calling out for you, you know  
You heal these empty days  
And it's all because you take me as I am  
And it's all because you take me as I am  
(Goo Goo Dolls, "As I Am")*

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Raymond Cady

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

Leader: Come, all who are weary from carrying burdens alone.

**People: We come seeking the One who welcomes us as we are.**

Leader: Come, all who have known failure, doubt, or regret.

**People: Christ meets us with mercy and compassion.**

Leader: Come, all who have known joy, healing, and hope.

**People: Christ calls us to share those gifts with others.**

Leader: Let us leave behind our pride that separates us from God and neighbor.

**People: Let us take pride in being beloved children of God.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Follow me."

**People: We come to worship and follow Christ together.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 337

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

GALILEE

\*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 No. 628**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

**SCRIPTURE**

[Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26](#)

Anita Laffoon

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God  
**Many: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

“As I Am”

Anita Laffoon

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*All are welcome to participate in Communion here, and you are also welcome to remain at your seat if that is more comfortable for you. Communion is received by intinction, where you are handed a piece of bread to dip in the chalice. We use non-alcoholic juice in the chalice, so that this is a safe table for all. Gluten-free bread and individual cups are also available.\*

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE**

“‘I Quietly Turned to You’ with ‘As I Am’”

Arr. Horn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**HYMN No. 668**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

CWM RHONDA

## CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Go now in the grace of Christ, who called Matthew from his table and welcomed those whom others rejected.

**People: We will go to share that same welcome with the world.**

Leader: Go knowing that God meets people not after they become perfect, but right where they are.

**People: We will offer mercy before judgment and compassion before criticism.**

Leader: Let go of pride that places us above others.

**People: Hold fast to the pride that comes from knowing we are God's beloved children.**

Leader: Follow Jesus into places where healing, hope, and reconciliation are needed.

**People: We go in faith, hope, and love, following Christ as we are.**

*All: 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 7, 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. For just institutional policies and programs that foster restorative practices, leading to wholeness and healing.

### **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 Preacher**

Our guest preacher on June 21st is our own Sandra Polaski! Thanks Sandra - we look forward to hearing from you!

### **T-shirts!**

Noah Cady is working on a second round of t-shirt orders! To get a general sense of how many shirts we could expect to order and the sizes, he has created a form that will close on June 14th at 11:59 PM. It is also important for people who do not want to order shirts to also respond, so he can appropriately judge how strong our interest is in continuing to make orders in the future. Look for the post on Realm to find the link to the order form!

### **Generator for Cuba**

Our church is hopeful of sending a solar/battery powered generator to Iglesia Bautista Bethania, a small church in Chambas, Cuba that, often, only has power 2-3 hours a day. The generator cost is about \$1,300, and donations can be accepted anytime until July 1. Contributions can be made to Ginter Park Baptist Church and designated to "Cuban Mission Projects."

### **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. Details and sign up sheet coming soon!

### **Backpack Update**

Dixie and Connie will continue as co-facilitators of the program. Contact one of them to volunteer. Don't forget to bring in your paper bags!

## **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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### **Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me";

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

### **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### **For the Healing of the Nations**

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

