

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Password: GPBC)
6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • July 25, 2021 • 10:30 AM

REFLECTION

“Practice radical acceptance and welcome of all persons, affirming them as created in the image of God and as beloved of God.” ~ Ginter Park Baptist Church Rule of Life

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 AM)

CHIMING THE TRINITY & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

As the candles on the altar are lit, you are each invited to light a candle on the table in front of you.

PRELUDE

“O Love, How Deep”
Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Blanton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Hack Polaski

One: Today is a day especially created for you to find peace and hope.

Many: **In the midst of our hectic lives, we surely need such a time as this.**

One: Come, rest in the Lord.

Many: **Our souls long for God’s refreshing love.**

One: Let the demands of your week melt away in God’s presence.

Many: **Refresh and restore us, O Lord, we pray.**

~ Ministry Matters

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #503

“O Christ, the Healer”

ROCKINGHAM

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Nancy Williams

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM #420

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

We will sing stanzas 1, 4 and 5.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:25-29

SERMON

“Radical Acceptance”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

arr. DiSalvio

Worship should change us. Take time to reflect on all you have seen and heard and how you will put what you have learned into practice this week. Be specific. You are invited to write down your response and, as able, place it in the offering plate along with your financial gifts to the kingdom building work of this congregation.

HYMN #433

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RULE OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

As we begin to think about what is next for our congregation, it is good for us to spend time together reviewing and responding to the values and character traits we have identified that reflect how we as a community seek to live as followers of Jesus. Today, Mark continues a 10-week sermon series on our [congregation's Rule of Life](#). Join us each week in worship as we reflect on these life-shaping practices that are central to the hopes and dreams of our shared life together.

CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT CONVERSATIONS

The Deacons will host two conversation sessions for us to review and celebrate the discernment work we've done, and to discover what this past year has taught us about who we are and where we might now be going. You will be asked to reflect on some questions in preparation and be given the opportunity to share those reflections with the community prior to the conversations. The sessions will take place Sunday, August 22 at 9am and Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30pm.

METRO RICHMOND AT PRAYER

Since March 2006, more than 470 churches in Metropolitan Richmond have joined in covenant to pray together weekly for the 1.2 million people who live in metro Richmond. GPBC has joined in this Covenant of Prayer, which began its fifteenth year on March 1, 2021. You can learn more and read the weekly prayers at www.metroprayrva.org.

During July, we pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of July 25, we pray for the Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

HYMN TEXTS

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503 "O Christ, the Healer"

O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed:
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Christ, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease:
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.
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420 "I Come with Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world,
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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#433 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.