

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Password: GPBC)
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REFLECTION

“Build relationships among ourselves and throughout our community in a commitment to shared mission and a common life.” ~ 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

“We Are One in the Spirit”
Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dixie Leathers

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling.

Many: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

One: Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

Many: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

One: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

Many: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

One: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Many: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

~ Rev. Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #419

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Tracy Cady

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 #578

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

NEED

We will sing stanzas 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-17

SERMON

“Building Relationships”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Chadburn

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.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Sheryl Johnson

Communion will be celebrated together using the elements on the tables before us. You will be invited to partake of each element in turn during the words of institution.

HYMN #39

“My Tribute”

MY TRIBUTE

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 August, we pray for workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of August 1, we pray for safe, respectful work environments, healthy work ethics and attitudes, and sufficient salary and benefits for all workers.

HYMN TEXTS

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419 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
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#578 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I
need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I
come to thee.

I need thee every hour, teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I
need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I
come to thee.

#39 "My Tribute"

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To
God be the glory for the things you have
done. With his blood Christ has saved me;
With your power you have raised me; to God
be the glory for the things you have done.

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