

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 14, 2023 • 10:30 AM

## GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

*God is the creator of all, not just those who claim to be the people of God. God calls and welcomes all of humanity into community. We, who claim our love for Christ, are invited to extend extravagant welcome in both word and action to all of God's children everywhere.*

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Polaski

Leader: From the north and south, from the east and west . . .

**People: all are welcome here.**

Leader: With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering . . .

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: Bringing our love, opening our minds . . .

**People: we draw near to God, near to each other, and near to Christ, the Word of God.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

## HYMN No. 517

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Don Polaski

## 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. 578

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

BETHANY

## SCRIPTURE

SaraAnne Burgess

## SERMON

SaraAnne Burgess

## TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Arr. Horn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No.

“Rejoice the Lord Is King!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

### BENEDICTION

Leader: Bring God's loving presence to the world.

People: **Be companions of kindness to everyone you meet.**

Leader: Go forth, trusting that our companion God goes with us, now and forevermore. Amen.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: **And also with you...**

## Announcements

### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of May 14, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers.

### **Pray for our Ministry Partners**

Sophia Theological Seminary grew from a recognition that, in a changing environment, theological education requires a wise and creative re-imagining. Supported by the work of Sophia Farms, the seminary seeks to be an inclusive community where life together will be marked by daily rhythms of study, worship, fellowship, and work.

### **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](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org))!

### **Study Opportunities**

Our study groups will take a break for the summer, but the following groups still have a few weeks left:

- Thursday mornings at 10am - the book of Acts
- Sunday mornings at 9am - *Do I Stay Christian?* By Brian McLaren

### **Church Check-in**

Our next Church Check-in will be May 21st, right after worship. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom for an update from Team Left Brain.

### **Business Meeting**

Our next business meeting will be Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please plan to join us in person or via Zoom.

### **Graduate Recognition**

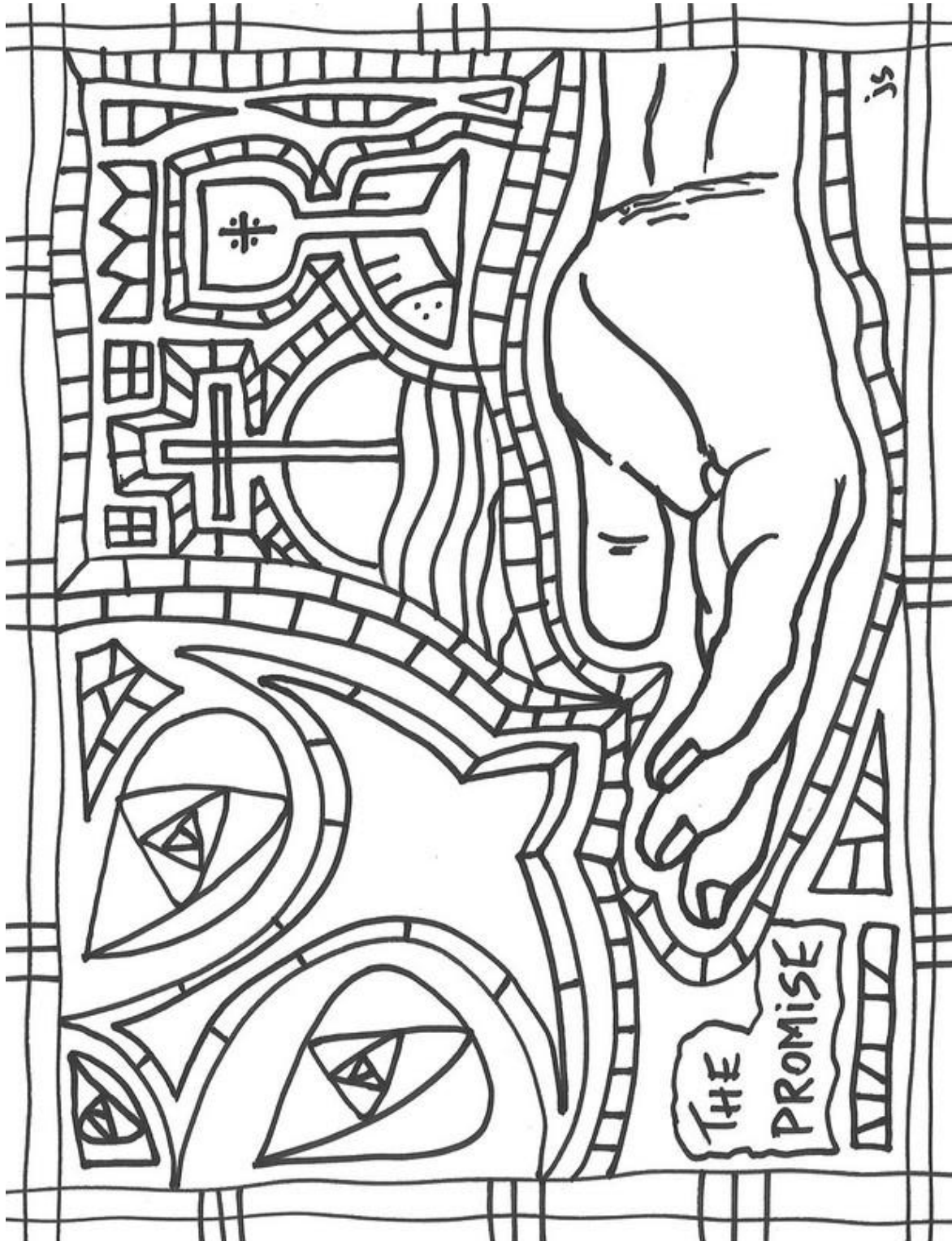
We'll have a special time during worship on June 4th to celebrate our graduates! If you will be graduating high school, college, or grad school please send your info to Anita ([alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org)) and plan to be in worship with us if you can.

**Page Turners Book Club**

A new book has been chosen! The book to read and discuss in May is *The Reading List* by Sarah Nisha Adams. We will meet on May 21st at 4pm.

**BackPack Summer collecting!**

Thank you, thank you! You all are the greatest...at bringing in grocery bags! And, YES, we will continue to collect bags during the summer even though when school ends, we do not pack the bags with food for the children! If you have questions about the process let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM.



## Hymn Texts

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### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to  
earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful  
mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded  
love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling  
heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every  
troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised  
rest;  
take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at  
liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples  
leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as  
thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy  
perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let  
us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in  
thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we  
take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder,  
love, and praise.

### **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; stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

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 in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide or life is vain.  
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.

### **Rejoice, the Lord Is King!**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph  
evermore:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again  
I say, rejoice!

God's reign can never fail, Christ rules o'er earth  
and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again  
I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, our Judge,  
shall come  
to glorify the saints for their eternal home:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again  
I say, rejoice!