

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 12th, 2024 • 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.

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Carol Bradley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Anita Laffoon

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

One: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

**Many: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.**

One: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

**Many: We live in that love and seek to serve God.**

One: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

**Many: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN

"A Grandmother, Lois"

ST. DENIO

\*Some of us stand while singing, and others don't. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.\*

A grandmother, Lois, had faith in you, Lord, then Eunice, her daughter, believed in your Word.  
Then her son, named Timothy, grew up to be a young man who cherished the faith he'd received.

While some with great drama discover your truth, for many, we learned it as children and youth.  
We learned it from grandparents, parents and more — from mentors and teachers who trusted you, Lord.

Forgive us, O Christ, when we've broken this chain of long generations who teach of your reign;  
Forgive our assuming that children and youth should be left alone to discover your truth.

May each generation share these things anew: the gift of salvation that we have in you,  
your call to seek justice and care for the poor. May we teach our children the things that endure.

We thank you, Christ Jesus, for nurturing ones who pass on the faith to these daughters and sons —  
so youth see your church as a place they belong, and find here a faith that is loving and strong.

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## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Anita Laffoon

\*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

### 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. 566**

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

**SCRIPTURE**

[John 17:6-19](#)

John Ng'ang'a

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

**SERMON**

“Jesus Prays for Us”

John Ng'ang'a

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE**

“I Am Resolved”

Arr. Horn

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**HYMN No. 482**

“O Christians, Haste”

TIDINGS

### CLOSING COMMISSION

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

**Many: Now we go back out into the world.**

One: We came together to build relationships,

**Many: Relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.**

One: We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections

**Many: Ready to love and to serve. Ready to carry God's love to the world.**

One: As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,

**Many: Let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.**

One: Go with God, as the people of God.

**Many: So be it! 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.

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Our guest speaker today is John Ng'ang'a! John is a student from Nairobi, Kenya who is studying at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He is currently working on his Masters in Christian Education with a focus on building a curriculum that emphasizes spiritual formation for the youth and young adults.

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## **Announcements**

### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of May 12, we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and their caregivers – doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others. For clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

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

RPS Foundation - The mission of Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation is to partner with Richmond Public Schools to actively develop philanthropic resources and community relationships that support the goal to improve student learning and achievement in preparation for success in college, career, and community.

### **CHUMC Building Use**

If you couldn't make it to the business meeting last Sunday, there is a movie being filmed in Richmond and CHUMC is one of the filming locations. Because of this, no one will be allowed in the building **May 13-15 (this is a slight change from what was announced last week)**. If you have any questions, contact Anita.

### **Graduate Recognition**

We'll have a special time during worship in June to celebrate our graduates! If you will be graduating high school, college, or grad school please send your info to Anita and plan to be in worship with us if you can.

### **Study opportunities:**

- Bible Study: Book of Acts – Thursdays at 10am
- Sunday Morning – Sundays at 9am
- Ragamuffin Gospel, 2.0 – Wednesdays at 6pm.

### **Just for kids!**

We have lessons and activities for kids during worship! Thanks to all who have volunteered to make this possible!

## **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)!

## **Backpack Update**

We are running low on grocery bags for our Backpack Ministry! Please bring in **grocery-sized paper bags with handles** (we can't use the ones without handles) for our weekly food deliveries to identified food insecure students at Frances McClenney Elementary School.

## **Page Turners**

The Page Turners Book Club will have their final meeting of the season on Sunday May 19th at Dixie's house at 4pm. The book to be discussed is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

## **Hymn Texts**

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### **Be Still, My Soul**

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall dwell with forever more,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### **O Christians, Haste**

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell the world that God is one who cares,  
that God who made all nations is not willing one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom we live and move, is love.

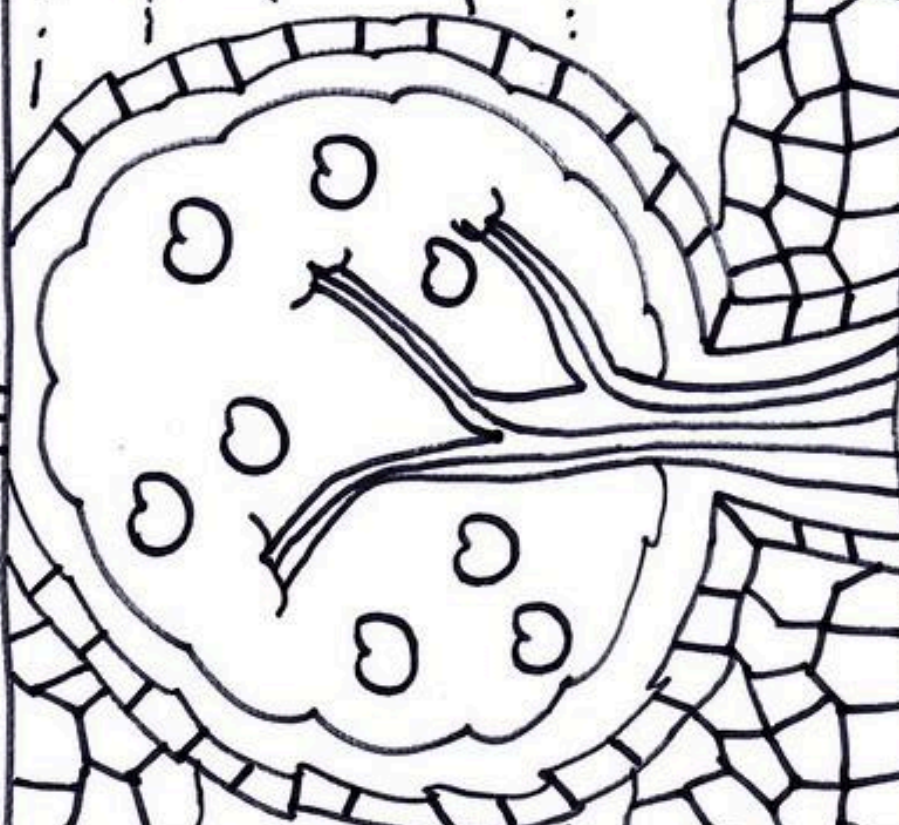
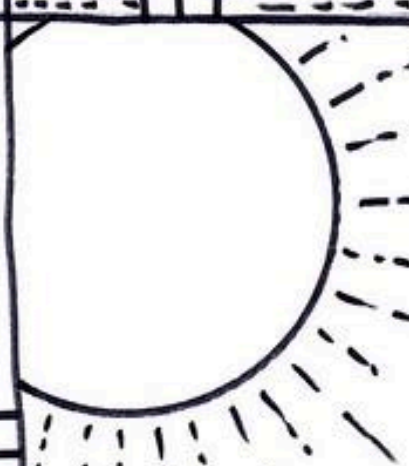
Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your daughters, speed them on their way.

Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, till God shall bring a new and joyful day.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.



He is  
like a tree  
planted  
by the river...

...all that he  
does  
will prosper.

Psalm 1