The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Lisa Horn

Call to Worship Dixie Leathers

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

One: There is much suffering in this world,

Many: Who does God call to speak? Who will God send?

One: There is much injustice in our world,

Many: Who does God call to speak? Who will God send?

One: The Spirit of God is among us, working in us.

Many: God has called us to speak; God has called us to go forth.

One: Come, worship God, follow Jesus, and trust in the Spirit:

Many: For we are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

INVOCATION PRAYER

Hymn No. 4

"Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Dixie Leathers

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.

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Brave" Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "Oh How He Loves You and Me' with 'Brave"

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Hymn

"We Join in Proclaiming"

ASH GROVE

We join in proclaiming the faith we believe in — that God is Creator and we are God's own. We trust in Christ Jesus and gladly receive him, for we have been blessed by the love he has shown. Christ died and is risen and, one with the Father, He reigns now in heaven, still loving the earth. The Spirit of God that moved over the waters now moves here among us, empowering God's church.

O God, we have pondered through years of our history how you can be Father and Spirit and Son. We've prayed and we've studied and called it a mystery that you are three persons and yet you are one. Creating and saving, your church here renewing, you still are one God working many good ways. May we humbly thank you for all you are doing! O God in three persons, we offer you praise. Copyright © 2015 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

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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.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of May 26, we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For a national health care system that promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well-being for all people.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia is one of two Baptist associations that Ginter Park Baptist is aligned with. CBFVA is committed to walking alongside congregations as they live out their unique call through Advocacy, Partnerships, and Theological Education.

River Day!

Paul and Keene have invited us to join them on Saturday, June 8 for a day of fun and sun on the river. You're welcome to bring your bathing suit and enjoy the water or maybe you prefer relaxing on the porch. Either way, don't forget the sunscreen!! We'll start the day around 10:00 am and end around 5. They will provide the main course and you're invited to bring a side dish to share. Bring your beverage(s) of choice. RSVP to Keene with the number of folks in your group!

Graduate Recognition

We'll have a special time during worship on June 30th 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:

Our study opportunities are winding down for summer break. The Thursday morning group will meet one more time on May 30th, and *The Ragamuffin Gospel* study group will meet on Wednesdays until May 29th. We'll see you again in the fall!

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.

Hymn Texts

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! all the saints adore thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever-living, through eternity.

Holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

