

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • June 16th, 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

Lisa Horn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Polaski

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

One: We walk by faith, not by sight;

**Many: Our confidence is in Christ who died and was raised for us.**

One: The love of Christ urges us on,

**Many: And all of us have died and have risen with Christ.**

One: If we are in Christ, we are a new creation:

**Many: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

One: Come, join in this time of worship:

**Many: May we experience the new life in Christ now and forever. Amen.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 222

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandra Polaski

\*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. 619

“My Life Flow On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

SCRIPTURE

[2 Corinthians 5:14-17](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

**Many: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Man in the Mirror”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Be Thou My Vision’ with ‘Man in the Mirror’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 586

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

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 June 16, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For all chaplains, staff, and volunteers who minister in jails and prisons, half-way houses, work-release, and after-care programs.

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

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Global) is a Christian network of individuals and churches working together to spread the hope of Christ. Their understanding of Baptist faith and practice is expressed by their emphasis on freedom in biblical interpretation and congregational governance, the participation of women and men in all aspects of church leadership and Christian ministry, and religious liberty for all people.

### **Guest Preacher**

The Rev. Erica Saunders will be joining us as our guest preacher on June 23rd! She is the communications manager of BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz, and has served congregations in Ohio and North Carolina. One of the first openly trans women ordained to ministry in Baptist life, Erica sits on the boards of the Alliance of Baptists and the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists. She holds the Master of Divinity from Wake Forest University and a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy & religion and French & Spanish from Queens University of Charlotte. Erica enjoys corny puns; tending her balcony garden; playing with her cat, Biscuit; and anything to do with turtles and sloths.

### **Church Check-in**

Join us for a brief Church Check-in on Sunday, June 30th BEFORE worship at 9:15am to discuss two new opportunities for GPBC in August and October.

### **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.

### **Ghana Presentation**

Addison Schmitt and Noah Morgan will be presenting pictures and stories from their recent intercultural trip to Ghana, with insight into the multifaceted history and witness of the Church in West Africa. Join us to hear from their experience and gain a deeper appreciation for the work of God in the world after worship on July 7th. We'll have a potluck lunch along with the presentation. Hope to see you there!

### **Summer Break**

Our study opportunities and Children's worship are both on break for the summer. We'll see you again in the fall!

### **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))!

### **Backpack Update**

Thanks to all who have shopped, packed, delivered, and worked hard to make this year possible. Please continue to bring in your paper grocery bags (with handles!) during the summer so we can stock up for the fall!

## **Hymn Texts**

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### **Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

### **My Life Flows On**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

### **Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Therefore, if anyone  
is in Christ,  
the new  
creation  
has come!  
The old has  
gone...**

**the new  
is here!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**