

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday after Pentecost • June 2nd, 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.

"We were meant to live for so much more... Have we lost ourselves?" - Switchfoot, Meant to Live

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Raymond Cady

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

One: By grace you have been saved through faith;

Many: This is not our own doing, this is the gift of God.

One: This is not the result of anything we do,

Many: So no one may boast or be proud.

One: For we are what God has made us,

Many: Created in Christ Jesus for good works.

One: God prepared this to be our way of life;

Many: Come, worship God, and do the work Christ has given you to do.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN

"Lord of the Dance"

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;

I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Raymond Cady

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. 461

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

BEACH SPRING

SCRIPTURE

[Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Mark 2:23-3:6](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Meant to Live”

Anita Laffoon

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “I Am Thine, O Lord’ with ‘Meant to Live”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 601

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

I AM THINE

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 2, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who are incarcerated in jails and prisons, their families, and their loved ones.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is the largest statewide advocacy voice for the faith community in Virginia. The organization focuses primarily on issues of racial, social, and economic justice. They include Virginians of all faiths including people who identify as Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Bahai, humanist, "spiritual, not religious," "religious none," and people of goodwill.

River Day!

Paul and Keene have invited us to join them THIS SATURDAY 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 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)!

Backpack Update

Our Backpack program will make its final delivery of the year this week! 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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Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon on the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift thou you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may thy mercy know and live.

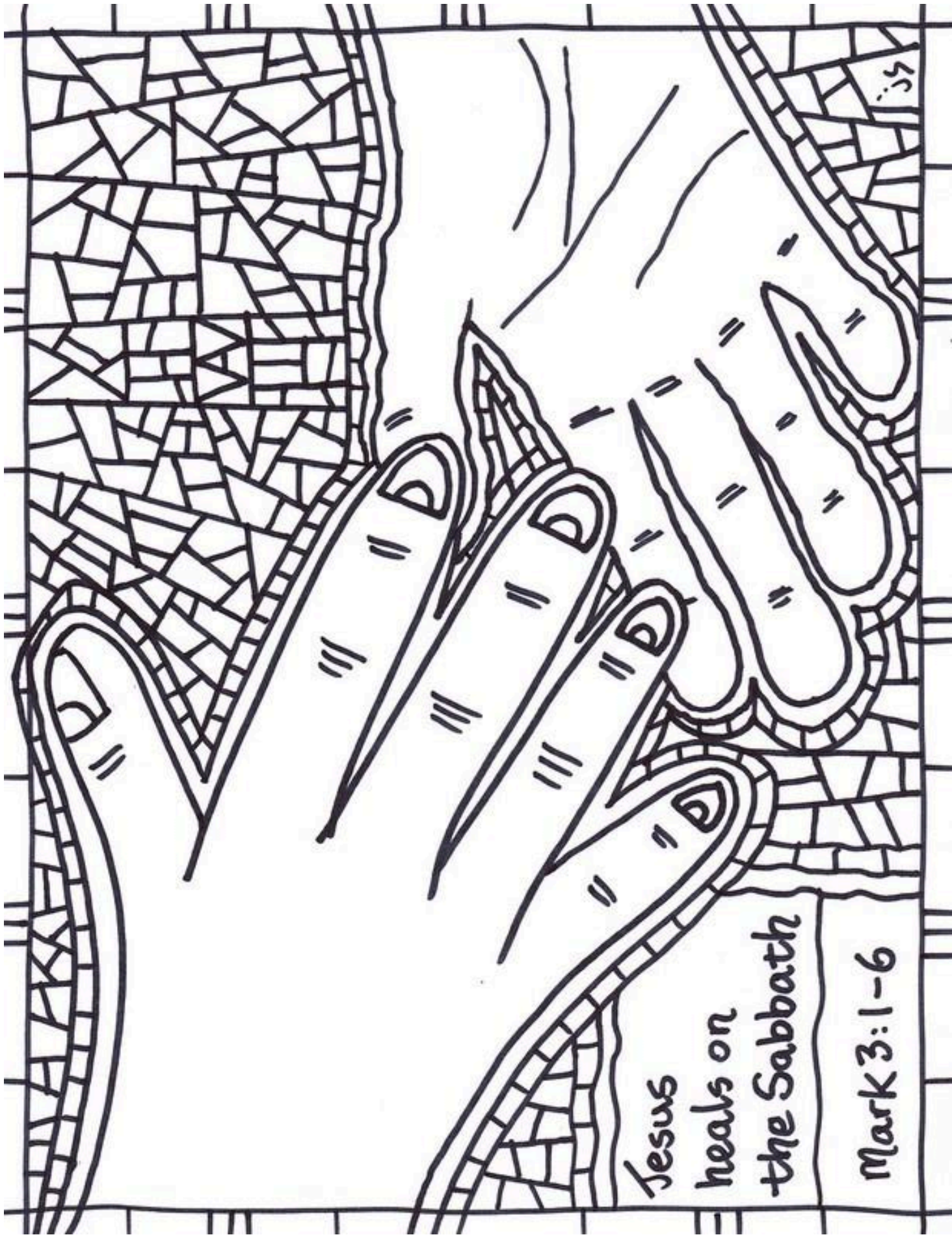
I Am Thine, O Lord

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.



Jesus
heals on
the Sabbath

Mark 3:1-6