

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost • June 30th, 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.

*“Like a small boat on the ocean  
Sending big waves into motion  
Like how a single word  
Can make a heart open  
I might only have one match  
But I can make an explosion...”*  
- Rachel Platten, “Fight Song”

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Polaski

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

One: Sing praises to our Lord:

**Many: who heals us and makes us whole.**

One: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

**Many: whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

One: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

**Many: God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

## HYMN No. 632

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

LANCASHIRE

## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Grant Gallatin and Addison Schmitt

One:

As you move into your next chapter, know that we hold you in our hearts and that you carry this community with you.

**Many:**

**We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,**

**To tend to the world and help set it right once again.**

**May you have an open heart to feel the world’s pain,**

**And courage enough to not be overwhelmed by its suffering.**

**May you pour out love to every person you encounter,  
Seeing the image of the divine that sparks within each human.**

One:

We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,  
To add beauty in this world.

May you be filled with imagination

So that you can see the hope of resurrection and let it shine through you.

May you live your life with an awareness that real life is happening to you right now,  
And that life does not begin at some later milestone.

**Many:**

**We commission you to go forth from this place**

**As the light of the world and the salt of the earth.**

**You have formed us, and we are a better community because of your presence.**

One:

As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to empower you, to strengthen your faith and to comfort you in all that will come. Amen.\*

#### SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Don 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

“God, We Sense Your Peace and Power”

NETTLETON

God, we sense your peace and power in this place we love so much.

We are moved by gentle fragrance; we are blessed by healing touch.

In these pews we hear the gospel; we see life beyond compare.

Here we gather at your table, tasting love in meals we share.

Jesus taught, and crowds went with him; they knew illness, grief and strife.  
Twelve years sick, a suffering woman hoped his touch would change her life.

Jesus stopped to heal and bless her; He healed Jairus' daughter, too.

God we seek your gift of healing; touch our lives and make us new.

God, your gift of touch can heal us through a hug or kind embrace.

When we share the peace you give us, it can change us, by your grace.

When we offer prayers for healing, laying hands on those in need,  
By your loving, gentle caring, those who hurt are blessed and freed.

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SCRIPTURE

[Mark 5:21-43](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

**Many: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Fight Song”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘I Quietly Turned to You’ and ‘Fight Song’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 529

“I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”

I’M SO GLAD

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.

*\*Blessing for Graduates used at University Baptist Church in Charlottesville, Va, and published in Baptist News Global article "On Graduation and the Priesthood of All Believers" by Val Fisk.*

## **Announcements**

### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of June 30, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For just institutional policies and programs that foster restorative practices, leading to wholeness and healing.

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

Baptist Women in Ministry seeks to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women. Their newest documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*, is now available for free on YouTube.

### **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!

### **MLT**

Please save the date for our MLT Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 PM. We'll re-familiarize ourselves with our 13 ministry partners and make sure we're allocating our limited funds in the best way possible. MLT is an open group -- all are welcome to participate!

### **Baseball Game**

GPBC is going to a Flying Squirrels game on July 26th! Be sure to sign up on Realm by July 17th if you'd like to go with us. Tickets are \$10, but may drop in price if we have a large enough group to get a discount. Please remember that parking and concessions are card only! Invite a friend or five, and we'll see you at The Diamond!

### **Christmas in July**

Join us on July 28th at 10:30am for a Christmas in July worship service! Bring your favorite holiday snack to share, and come enjoy a fun time of mid-year Christmas cheer!

### **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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### **Lead On, O King Eternal**

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;  
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;  
thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

### **I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

"Daughter, your faith  
has made you well;  
go in peace."

