

# The Worship of God

## GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 9th, 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.

*When I look to the sky, something tells me you're here with me.  
And you make everything alright.  
And when I feel like I'm lost, something tells me you're here with me.  
And I can always find my way when you are here.  
- Train, When I Look to the Sky*

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Horn

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

One: Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places,

**Many: offering us the grace of new life.**

One: When we see nothing but hopelessness,

**Many: you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.**

One: Call us out of our complacency and routines,

**Many: set us free from our self-imposed bonds,**

One: fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,

**Many: In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 72

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Lisa Horn

\*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. 510**

“Out of the Depths”

DEPTHS

**SCRIPTURE**

[Psalm 130](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

**SERMON**

“When I Look to the Sky”

Anita Laffoon

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE** “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen’ with ‘When I Look to the Sky’”

Arr. Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN No. 73**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

WELLESLEY

**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 9, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers.

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

The Alliance of Baptists seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. They welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. Their core values are to create a theological Home, pursuit of God's Justice, and partnership in Mission.

### **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**

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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### **To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

### **Out of the Depths**

Out of the depths, O Do, we call to you. Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.

Facing our lives, we need your love so much. Here in this community, heal us by your touch.

Out of the depths, of fear, O God, we speak. Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.

Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share. Here in this community, hold us in your care.

God of the loving heart, we praise your name. Dance through our lives and loves, anoint with Spirit flame.

Your light illumines each familiar face. Here in this community, meet us with your grace.

### **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

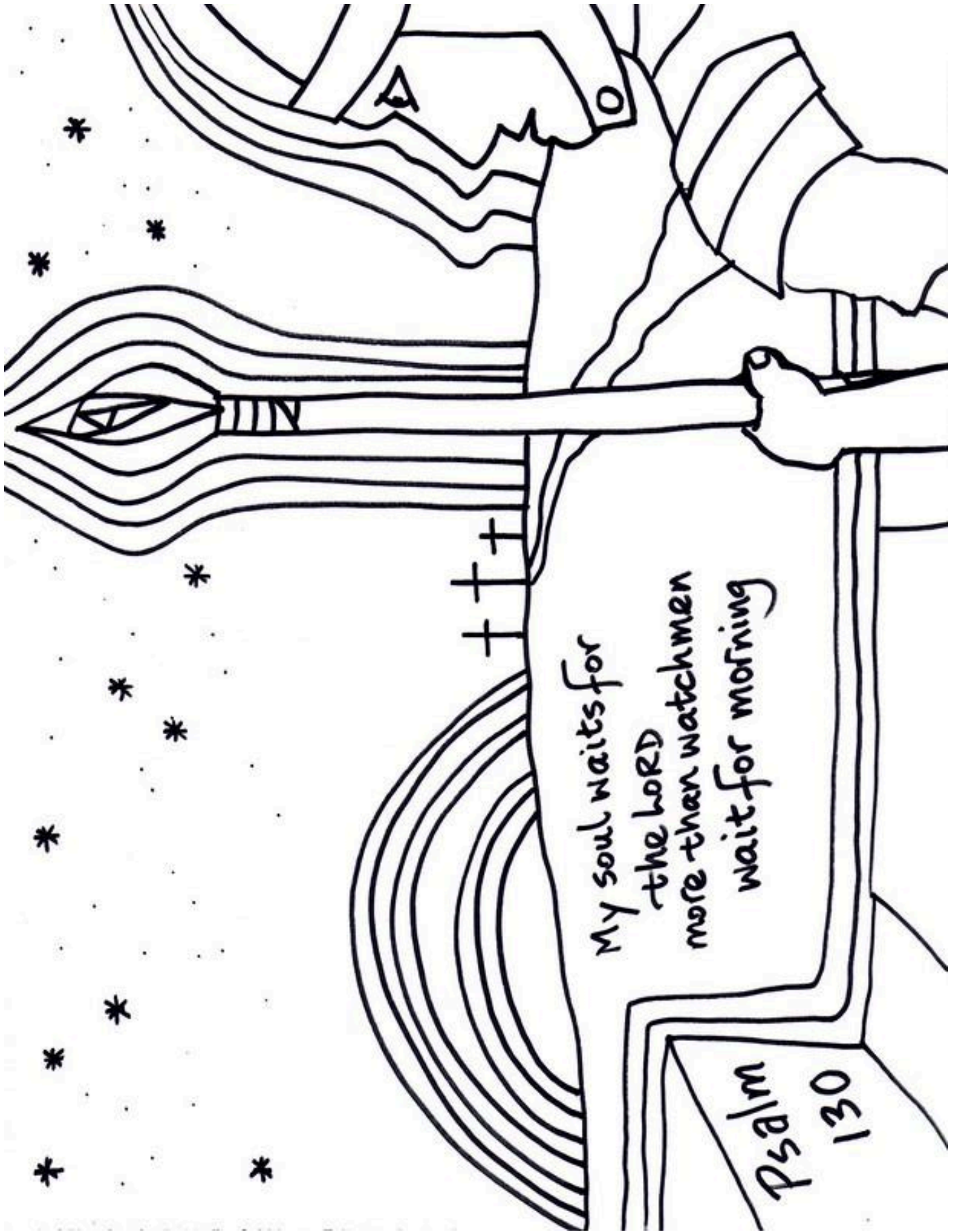
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!

There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would rest upon God's word;  
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of the Lord.



My soul waits for  
the LORD  
more than watchmen  
wait for morning

Psalms  
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