

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • July 14th, 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: God, let your justice and fairness flow like a river that never runs dry.

Many: May we, your people, defend the oppressed and shelter the homeless.

One: May we be as helpful as rain that refreshes the ground to those who are treated unjustly.

Many: May we who are rich stand up for the poor, and let peace abound until the moon fades to nothing.

One: Let peace and justice rule every mountain,

Many: And fairness flow as a river that never runs dry.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 25

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ST. THOMAS

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. 670

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

WELLESLEY

SCRIPTURE

[Amos 7:7-15](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Who Are You?”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Child of the King’ with ‘Who Are You?’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

ST. THOMAS

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on as others’ cares we heed,
an everflowing stream of faith translated into deed.

So may God’s plumbline, straight, define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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 July 14, we pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and government employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Sophia Theological Seminary grew from a recognition that, in a changing environment, theological education requires a wise and creative re-imagining. Supported by the work of Sophia Farms, the seminary seeks to be an inclusive community where life together will be marked by daily rhythms of study, worship, fellowship, and work.

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!

Lunch Bunch

Save the date for lunch after church on August 11th! More details coming soon.

Dinner with Seventh Street Christian Church

Seventh Street Christian Church is in the process of selling their building, and would like to meet with us and learn from our experience. We're hosting a potluck dinner in the CHUMC Fellowship Hall on August 9th at 6pm to create space for that conversation. Even if you weren't a part of the sale of the old building, please come and join us!

Reclaiming Faith

We're partnering with Grace Baptist Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, and Seventh Street Christian Church to host author Trent Clifford for a weekend of reflection, healing, and creating based on his new book *Reclaiming Faith: Learning to Reimagine Church, God, and Ourselves*. Please mark your calendars for August 23rd (6-8pm) and 24th (9:30am-12:30pm). More details to come (including book sales), and an RSVP link will be sent out soon!

MLT Zoom

If you were part of the Backpack Program this past school year, please come to a **MLT Zoom** meeting on **Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 pm** for a conversation about the Backpack Program: what works well and what we could do differently. We'll be ready to put our best foot forward when we start up again in September!

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)!

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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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near. Join me in in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been granted in what God ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee.
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again. Gladly for ever sing praises.

All Who Love and Serve Your City

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your hour of high decision, seek the things that serve your peace,
lest the night of your confusion overtake your day of ease.

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near to all who spurn him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! Shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our Joy, our Glory: be its name, "The Lord is there."



Psalm
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The Earth is the LORD's and all its people