The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**Zoom Meeting ID: 804 359 2475 • 6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • 804-359-2475
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost • July 7th, 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.

*Even if your hands are shaking*

*And your faith is broken*

*Even as the eyes are closing*

*Do it with a heart wide open*

*Say what you need to say*

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* John Mayer, *Say*

**Chiming the Trinity** Lisa Horn

**Call to Worship** Annie Campbell

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

One: Lord of heaven and earth, of all nations and peoples, all faiths and no faith

**Many: Reveal yourself to those who are suffering,**

One: Reveal yourself to all who are refugees,

**Many: Reveal yourself to those who are powerful,**

One: Reveal yourself to all who are powerless,

**Many: Reveal yourself to ordinary people in their everyday lives,**

One: that this world might reflect your love and your glory.

**Many: Amen.**

**Invocation Prayer**

**Hymn No. 459** “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”ABBOT’S LEIGH

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns** Annie Campbell

\*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. 236** “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”ABERYSTWYTH

**Scripture** [Ezekiel 2:1-5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel+2%3A1-5&version=NRSVUE) Anita Laffoon

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

**Many: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** “Say”Anita Laffoon

**Holy Communion**

**Time of Reflection & Response** “‘Pass It On’ with ‘Say’” Arr. Horn

**Announcements & The Work of the Church**

**Hymn No. 482** “O Christians, Haste”TIDINGS

**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 7, we pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, the City Administrator, and all city employees.

**Pray for our Ministry Partners**

The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus

Christ. For more than 100 years, the Baptist World Alliance has networked the Baptist family to impact the

world for Christ with a commitment to strengthen worship, fellowship and unity; lead in mission and

evangelism; respond to people in need through aid, relief, and community development; defend religious

freedom, human rights, and justice; and advance theological reflection and leadership development.

**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!

**Lunch Bunch**

Save the date for lunch after church on August 4th! 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!

**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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**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

**Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow**

Wind who makes all winds that blow–gusts that bend the saplings low,

gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind’s deep caves–

aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.

Raise, renew the life we’ve lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn–suns around which planets turn,

beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls–

come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!

Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame,

Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

**O Christians, Haste**

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell the world that God is one who cares,
that God who made all nations is not willing one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom we live and move, is love.
Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your daughters, speed them on their way.
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, till God shall bring a new and joyful day.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

