

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost • August 4th, 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.

*“Feel the rain on your skin
No one else can feel it for you
Only you can let it in
No one else, no one else
Can speak the words on your lips
Drench yourself in words unspoken
Live your life with arms wide open
Today is where your book begins
The rest is still unwritten”*

- Natasha Bedingfield, “Unwritten”

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: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

Many: Wholeness–giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

One: Restoring God, we gather to worship you even as we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

Many: God, our Quiet-Center, listen to our prayers this day.

One: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

Many: God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

LORD OF THE DANCE

Some of us stand while singing, and others don’t. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

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

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. 371

“Wade in the Water”

WADE IN THE WATER

SCRIPTURE

[John 5:1-9](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Unwritten”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Wade in the Water’ with ‘Unwritten’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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 28, we pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Side by Side is dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. They provide support groups and counseling for youth, housing services for young adults, and support for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth in Richmond.

MLT Zoom

If you were part of the Backpack Program this past school year, please come to a MLT **Zoom** meeting **THIS**

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!

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 THIS FRIDAY 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!

Lunch Bunch

Save the date for lunch after church on August 11th! We will meet at Kitchen 33 (on Staples Mill Rd) after worship.

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). Look for a sign-up link on Realm!

VA Pride

We have our official acceptance to be a vendor at Pride! If you can help on Saturday, September 14th from 12pm to 5pm, look for a sign up link on Realm.

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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Wade in the Water

Wade in the water, (children,) wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-going to trouble the water;
the leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-going to trouble the water.

Wade in the water, (children,) wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-going to trouble the water;
looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-going to trouble the water.
Wade in the water, (children,) wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a gonna trouble the water;
Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's a-going to trouble the water.
Wade in the water, (children,) wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-going to trouble the water;
just follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a-going to trouble the water.
Wade in the water, (children,) wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of clan and race,
above the noise of selfish strife, O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.

Till all shall learn compassion's might, following where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your realm of light shall come the city of our God.



May the peoples
praise You, GOD
Psalm 67