

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 15th, 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.

*Take a good look around
And if you're looking down
Put a little love in your heart
I hope when you decide
Kindness will be your guide
Put a little love in your heart*

*And the world
Will be a better place
And the world
Will be a better place
For you
And me
You just wait
And see...*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Hack Polaski

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

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

Many: May our worship reflect God's glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Many: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

One: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

Many: Let us worship!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 33

"How Great Thou Art"

O STORE GUD

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

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandra Hack 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. 526

“The Gift of Love”

GIFT OF LOVE

SCRIPTURE

[James 3:1-12](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Put A Little Love in Your Heart”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘They’ll Know We Are Christians’ with ‘Put A Little Love in Your Heart’”
Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No.

“Living for Jesus”

LIVING FOR JESUS

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 September 15th, we pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Global) is a Christian network of individuals and churches working together to spread the hope of Christ. Their understanding of Baptist faith and practice is expressed by their emphasis on freedom in biblical interpretation and congregational governance, the participation of women and men in all aspects of church leadership and Christian ministry, and religious liberty for all people.

Study Opportunities

Our study opportunities and Children's worship will be resuming soon!

- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - meets at 9am, and we are studying the book *Reclaiming Faith*. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. They will NOT meet this week, but will resume on Sept 26th. Contact Don Polaski for more information.
- **Weeknight Small Group** - will begin in September and will be reading *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*. This book reexamines six passages in the Bible - often known as the "Clobber Passages" - to talk about what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality. We will talk about outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations in this study, as well as learn how to articulate our own theology. Time and date TBD. Let Anita know if you are interested in joining this study!

Book Club

The Page Turner's book club will meet on Sunday September 22 at 4pm at the Blazek's home. Bring a snack to share, and we will discuss all the books that we have read over the summer.

Church Picnic

Save the date for our church picnic and Blessing of the Animals service on October 6th! We will be at Three Lakes Park, Shelter #2. Bring a dish or dessert to share, and your pet!

Backpack Update

Our deliveries have begun! If you are interested in helping this year, let Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak know. As always, please continue to bring in your paper grocery bags (with handles!).

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)!

Hymn Texts

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How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please him in all that I do;
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne;
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
such love constrains me to answer his call, follow his leading, and give him my all.

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne;
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while, my dearest treasure--the light of his smile;
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in him.

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne;
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

