

# The Worship of God

## GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 22nd, 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.

*Give me Your eyes for just one second.  
Give me Your eyes so I can see,  
Everything that I keep missin',  
Give me Your love for humanity.  
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted,  
The ones that are far beyond my reach.  
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten,  
Give me Your eyes so I can see.*  
- Brandon Heath, "Give Me Your Eyes"

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Nadene Eads

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

One: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**Many: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

One: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**Many: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

One: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**Many: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.**

One: Come, the kin-dom of God calls to us.

**Many: Come, let us worship!**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

#### HYMN No. 461

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

BEACH SPRING

\*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

Nadene Eads

\*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. 113**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

JESUS LOVES ME

**SCRIPTURE**

[Mark 9:30-37](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

**SERMON**

“Give Me Your Eyes”

Anita Laffoon

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE** “‘Lord I Want to Be a Christian’ with ‘Give Me Your Eyes’”

Arr. Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN NO. 494**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

ST. BRENDAN’S

**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 22nd, we pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students. For cooperation between Superintendents, School Boards, and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

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

Baptist Women in Ministry seeks to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women. Their newest documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*, is now available for free on YouTube.

### **Study Opportunities**

- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - meets at 9am, and they are studying the book *Reclaiming Faith*. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - will resume studying Acts on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.
- **Weeknight Small Groups** - will be reading *UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*. There are two groups for this book study - one on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, and another on Thursdays at 6pm. Zoom is available! Contact Anita Laffoon for more information.

### **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 at 11am! 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](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org))!

## **Hymn Texts**

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### **Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

### **Jesus Loves Me!**

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on the knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! still today, walking with me on the way,  
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.  
Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### **They'll Know We Are Christians**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

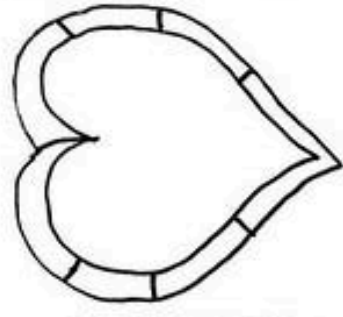
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Whoever welcomes  
one of these little  
children in  
My Name  
welcomes Me."



Mark 9:30-37

