

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost • November 10th, 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.

*If you love me, don't let go...
Hold, hold on, hold onto me
'Cause I'm a little unsteady
A little unsteady
Hold, hold on, hold onto me
'Cause I'm a little unsteady
A little unsteady*
- X Ambassadors, "Unsteady"

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

One: What does the Lord require of you?

Many: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: What does God command of us?

Many: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

Many: But to presence, abundance, and grace in our struggle.

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Many: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 714

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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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

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

SCRIPTURE

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) and [Mark 12:28-34](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“Unsteady”

Anita Laffoon

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.

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“For Good”

Schwartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 677

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

WORLD PEACE

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 November 10th, we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and the hungry. For the provision of safe, affordable housing and low-cost nutritious food. For the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those who are unable to work.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

RPS Foundation - The mission of Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation is to partner with Richmond Public Schools to actively develop philanthropic resources and community relationships that support the goal to improve student learning and achievement in preparation for success in college, career, and community.

Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - meets at 9am, and they are studying the book *Our Greatest Gift - a Meditation on Dying & Caring*, by Henri Nouwen. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.
- **Weeknight Small Groups** - are 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.

Business Meeting

Our next business meeting will be November 17th. Please make plans to join us either in person or via Zoom!

Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club has a new read! The book for our next meeting will be: *What Happens Next* by Christina Suzann Nelson. The book will be discussed on Sunday November 24th at 4pm at Dixie Leather's house.

Day for All People

Registration is now open for the Day for All People 2025. This is the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy's annual lobby day and an incredible opportunity to join with other people of faith and goodwill as we advocate for others at the General Assembly session. Hope you can join us on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 7:30am to 3:15pm at Centenary United Methodist Church! Visit their website to register - <https://viriniainterfaithcenter.org/>

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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For the Fruit of All Creation

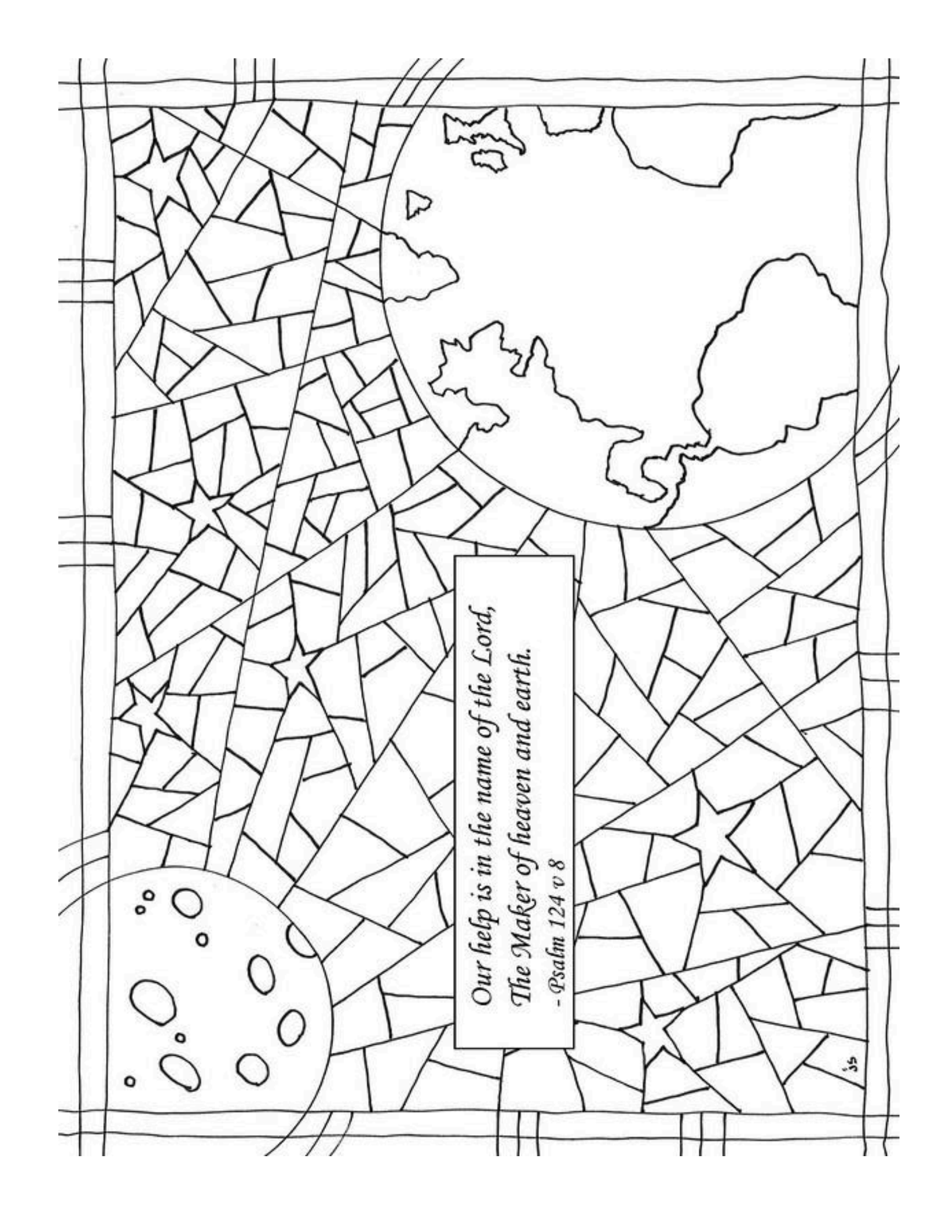
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony..
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.



*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.*

- Psalm 124 v 8