

# The Worship of God

## GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany • February 9th, 2025 • 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.

*And if the darkness is to keep us apart  
And if the daylight feels like it's a long way off  
And if your glass heart should crack  
And for a second you turn back  
Oh no, be strong...*

*Walk on, walk on  
What you've got they can't deny it  
Can't sell it, or buy it  
Walk on, walk on...  
- U2, "Walk On"*

### 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: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**Many: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

One: In the name of Christ,

**Many: we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**Many: we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**Many: we proclaim the God of Hope.**

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**Many: we proclaim the God of Love.**

One: Come, let us worship together

**Many: and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

#### HYMN No. 4

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

\*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

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. 546**

“Amazing Grace!”

**NEW BRITAIN**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 5:1-11

Anita Laffoon

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

**Many: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

“Walk On”

Anita Laffoon

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE**

“‘Amen, Amen’ with ‘Walk On’”

Arr. Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN No. 344**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

**ASSAM**

**CLOSING COMMISSION**

One: Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation,

**Many: allowed light to be their guide.**

One: And it is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth

**Many: in surprising ways and places;**

One: the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet;

**Many: the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering;**

One: It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it's always about the light for us.

**Many: Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvellous light.**

**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 February 9th, we pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy economic development which enhances the Metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

### **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.

### **Business Meeting**

We will have a business meeting after worship TODAY to vote on an amendment to the budget discussed on Jan 19th. Please plan to attend in person or via Zoom.

### **Study Opportunities**

- **Weeknight Study** topic will be introduced in February.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** – is reading *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You* at 9am on Sunday mornings. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - will resume studying Acts this Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

### **Page Turner Book Club**

Sunday February 16th at 4pm, location TBA! If you would like to host, touch base with Kelly Schmitt and/or Melissa Blazek! We are reading The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix!

### **Backpack Update**

We are in need of paper bags with handles for our weekly backpack food program. The business that was donating bags is no longer able to do so, and we are running low! Please continue to bring in your bags from your shopping trips, and if you are able please purchase extras. See Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak for more details.

### **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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### **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever-living, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Amazing Grace!**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

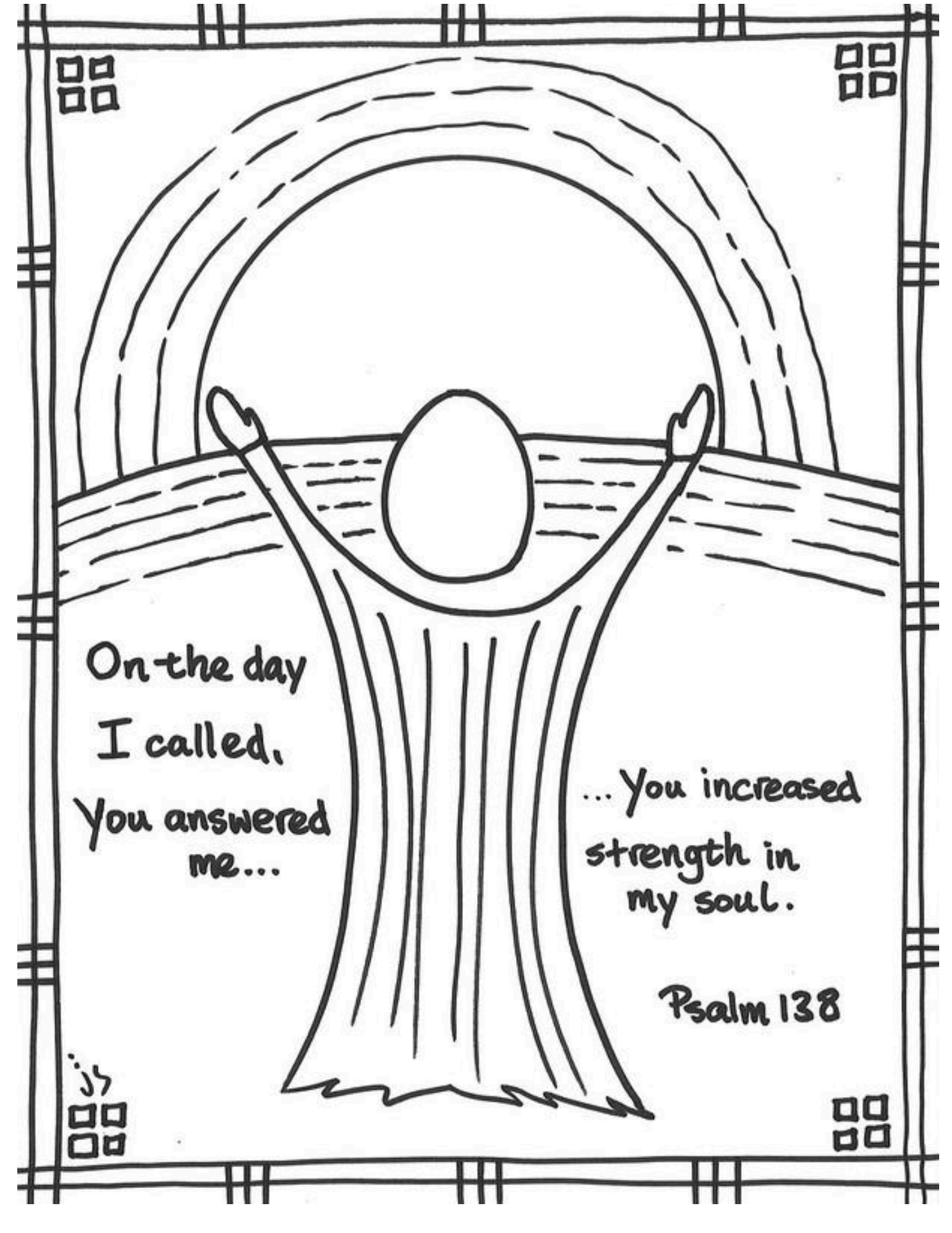
### **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus-- no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me-- no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow,  
though none go with me, I still will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.



On the day  
I called,  
You answered  
me...

... You increased  
strength in  
my soul.

Psalm 138