

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent • March 23rd, 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.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheryl Johnson

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

One: Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

All: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

One: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for
that which does not satisfy?

All: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

One: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

All: Seek the Lord who may be found; call upon God who is near.

One: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

**All: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your
ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 464

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

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

Sheryl Johnson

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.

LENTEN CHORUS

“Where Are You, God? We Long to Know”

O WALY WALY

May we put feasts and games aside; may we tear down the walls of pride.
We're sorry, Lord! We've turned from you! So now we ask "What can we do?"

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CONFESSION

Sheryl Johnson

**God of the people,
you have called us to walk humbly before you
and to share in the struggle with the least of these,
yet we have failed to live up to this call.
Today, we come before you
asking your Spirit to empower us
to be agents of transformation for the world.
Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed
can find the living waters of God,
who calls us to live a life of service, of humility,
and of reconciliation with you, with creation,
and with the world.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN

“Upon the Earth, the News Is Grim”

MAITLAND

Upon the earth, the news is grim, disaster strikes with pain,
yet Christ commands, “repent of sin, lest all shall fall the same.”

A fig tree stood in barren ground, no fruit it bore each year,
The Master came; no fruit was found, His judgment drawing near.

“Cut down this tree!” The Master cried, “Why should it waste the land?”
But mercy spoke and stood beside, with pleading, patient hand.

“One year, O Lord, just let it be, I’ll dig and tend with care,
And if it bears, then let it see thy blessing rich and fair.”

O soul, the time is fleeting fast, turn now—His grace receive!
Lest mercy’s hour be soon past, repent, return, and live!

SCRIPTURE

[Luke 13:1-9](#)

Sandra Polaski

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Give Me Just a Little More Time”

Sandra Polaski

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Amazing Grace’ with ‘Give Me Just a Little More Time’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Sheryl Johnson

HYMN No. 339

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

CLOSING COMMISSION

Sheryl Johnson

One: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to

Many: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God

One: walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

Many: walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

One: O God, who makes all things new,

Many: new stars, new dust, new life;

One: take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat,

Many: and create something new in us.

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 March 23, we pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For seminaries, bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz (Baptist Peace Fellowship) is the largest Baptist network of peacemakers in the United States inclusive of other denominational faiths, non-confessional groups and individuals. They are a progressive, intercultural organization of peacemakers and are gender-diverse, inclusive, and affirming. They seek to empower the poor, liberate the oppressed, free the captive, and pronounce a new day of grace for all of creation.

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Time and start date TBA. Contact Anita for more information.
- **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** - is studying Acts on Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

Guest Preachers!

March is Baptist Women in Ministry's Month of Advocacy! This month we will celebrate with two guest preachers - Rev. Dr. Sandra Hack Polaski on March 23rd, and our seminary student (and office manager) Grace Maguire on March 30. Visit <https://bwim.info/bwim-month-of-advocacy/> for more information about advocacy for women in ministry!

Church Check-in

We have the updated logos from Parable Media to share with you! Let's plan for a Church Check-in after worship on the 30th so we can take a look and give feedback to Parable Media. Hope to see you then!

Save the Dates!

Holy Week services for GPBC:

- Palm Sunday - April 13th, service at 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday - April 17th, service at 7pm
- Good Friday - April 18th, prayer stations from 4-8pm
- Easter Sunday - April 20th, Brunch at 9am, service at 10:30am

Page Turner Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club will next meet on Sunday May 18, 2025. Location TBA. The book for discussion will be: *The Guilty One* by Kiersten Modglin.

Backpack Update

We are in need of paper bags with handles for our weekly backpack food program. 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)!

Hymn Texts

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God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledges to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

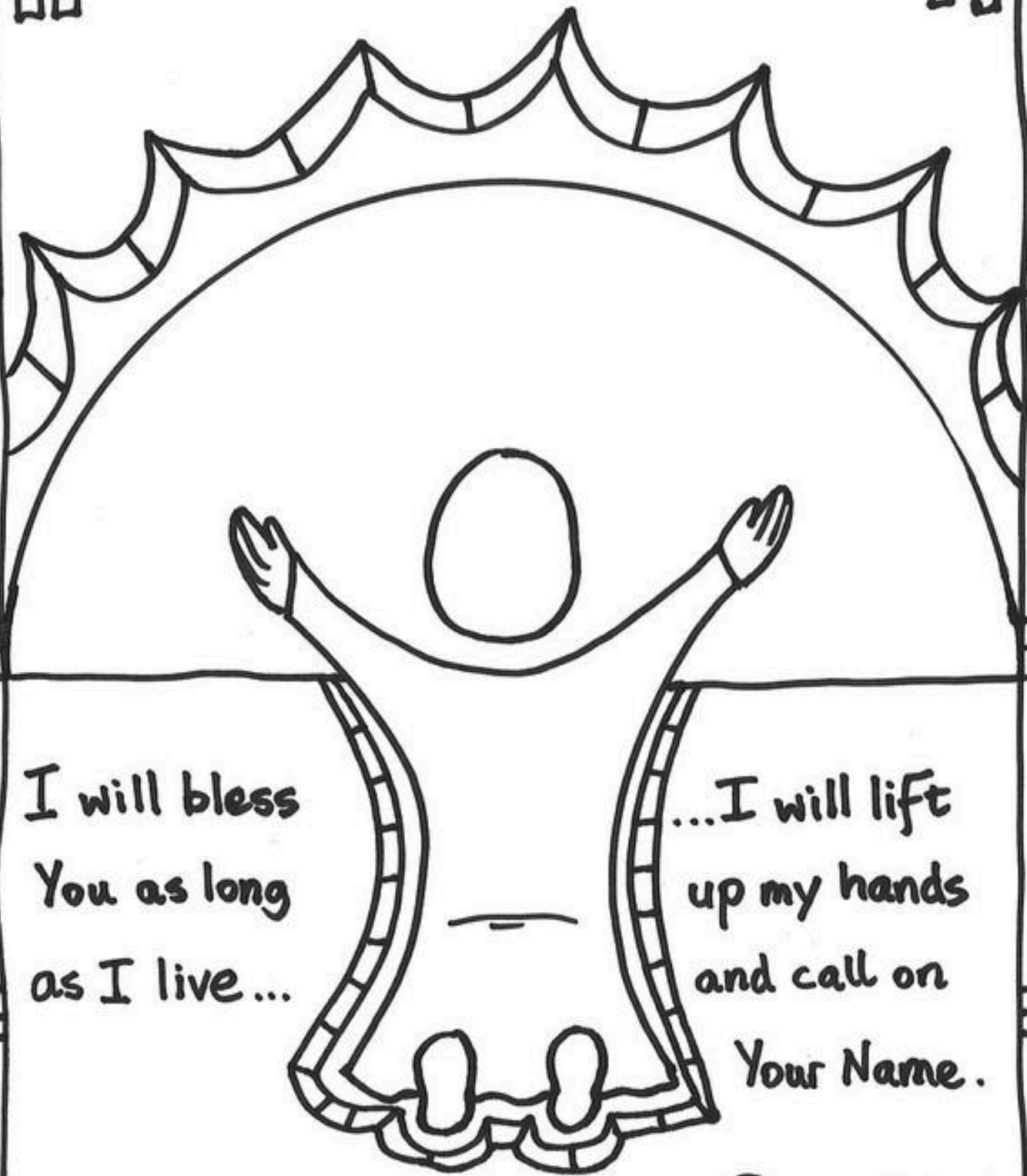
Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown, hast broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!



I will bless
You as long
as I live...

...I will lift
up my hands
and call on
Your Name.

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Psalm 63:4