

GRACE IN THE DEPTHS

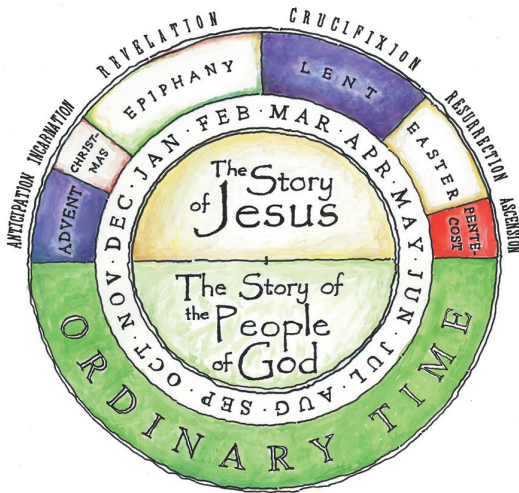
DISRUPTIVE
GRACE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

"He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater, he sendeth more strength as our labors increase; to added afflictions he addeth his mercy, to multiplied trials he multiplies peace. When we have exhausted our store of endurance, when our strength has failed ere the day is half done, when we reach the end of our hoarded resources, our Father's full giving is only begun. His love has no limits, his grace has no measure, his power no boundary known unto men; for, out of his infinite riches in Jesus he giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

ANNIE FLINT

SANCTUARY DECORATIONS



As followers of Jesus, we “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.

We are in the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

“Trumpet Processional in G Major”
(David German)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Preparation for Worship

“Let All Who Are Thirsty, Come”

*Let all who are thirsty, come. Let all who wish, receive the water of life freely.
Amen, come, Lord Jesus. Amen, come, Lord Jesus.*

Silent Preparation for Worship

Let’s quiet our hearts in preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 115

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

People: For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!

Leader: The idols of the people are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
They have ears, but do not hear; feet, but do not walk.

**People: Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.**

Leader: But we trust in the Lord; he is our help and our shield!

**Everyone: We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Adoration

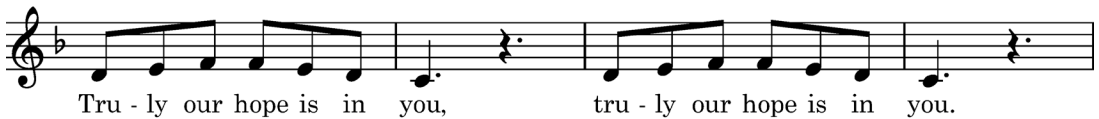
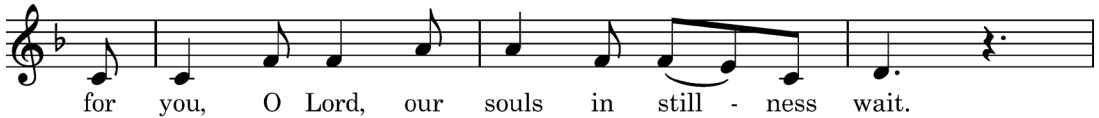
† Songs of Praise

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”
“Come Light Our Hearts”

#372 in the Hymnal
Music on page 4

† *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS



Words and Music: Sandra McCracken; ©2014 Drink Your Tea Music

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Call to Confession

“Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer”

#903 in the Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Everyone: Jesus Lord, in your mercy,
by your holy life that heals us,
by your holy death that saves us,
by your Holy Spirit with us,
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.
Set us free to obey you;
make us clear to stand before you;
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

From 1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

May Almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

11:15 a.m. Amaryllis Joy (Lily) Allen (Northwest Parish)

***The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.***

THANKSGIVING

† Greeting of Peace

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, offer to one another a sign of peace: a handshake, a hug, or even just a smile. You could say something simple like "Peace be with you," or just simply, "Peace."

Our Offerings

Pray for our mission partner Shelter of Love, a home in Cambodia for disadvantaged and displaced children that seeks to train them to love and serve Jesus Christ and impact their country for him.

Mission Partner Interview with Steve Quakenbush

† Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:17–2:10

¹⁷ Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. ² He said:

“In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

³ You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

⁴ I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’

⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

⁷ “When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

⁸ “Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.

⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

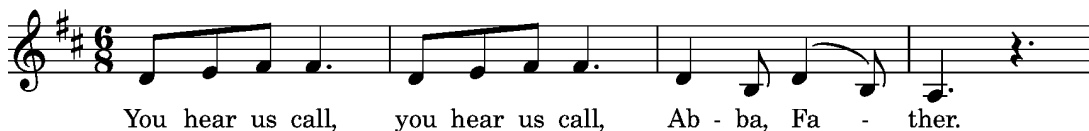
What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

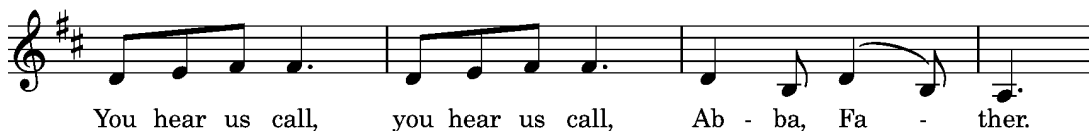
¹⁰ And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

RESPONDING

† Prayers of the People



You hear us call, you hear us call, Ab - ba, Fa - ther.



You hear us call, you hear us call, Ab - ba, Fa - ther.



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy;



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Prayer Needs

For health: Frances Eichost, Brad Bishop, Noel and Stephanie Brooks, Marriott Jackson, David Hacker, Julie Walden, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones, Charles Ellison

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones: Gay Plack (9/17); Stan Button (9/12); Mark Mendez (grandfather, 8/27); Bev Newell (mother, 8/21); John Hanscom (Lou Hanscom, wife, 8/21); Lee Sauvain (mother, 8/20); Chip Buehler (father, 8/14), James and David Hacker (Myrtle Hacker, mother, 8/12); Betty Cox (8/8); Rebecca Hatton (brother, 8/7)

For Metro Richmond: We pray for schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between superintendents and administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

SENDING

† **Song of Commission** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #854 in the Hymnal

† **Commission and Benediction** From Ephesians 2:8–10

Leader: It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
not by works, so that no one can boast.

**People: For we are God’s handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

Postlude “Italian Hymn” Jeff Hummel
(11:15 service only) (Albert Travis)

SERVICE NOTES

Today’s flowers are given in honor our mission partner, Shelter of Love.

Today at the 11:15 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Amaryllis Joy (Lily) Allen, daughter of Josh and Jessie Allen. Among the relatives present today are Conrad, Janet, and Maddie Hunter, and Kathy and Earl Allen. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Parker Garrett. Prayer sponsor is Erin Burlew.

NEWS & EVENTS

Help Needed with CARITAS and their ministry: The Healing Place September 28 – October 4

Our new initiative with CARITAS, called Bridge Week, is coming soon! Opportunities to serve include packing and delivering lunches, hosting an activity night, and gathering donations for cleaning supply kits. There's a spot for anyone—young and old, families, groups and individuals. For all the ways you can serve, visit: thirdrva.org/events.

Immigrant and Refugee Tutoring: Still in Need of Tutors!

Our thriving tutoring program kicked off this week and we have almost 100 students looking for tutors! We still need about 20 more tutors to pair with these students. Tutoring takes place on Wednesday evenings (6:45 – 7:45 p.m.) for 10 weeks. No experience necessary! Just a willingness to help. Contact Andi: andi.redmond6@gmail.com.

Today! Meet our Mission Partner: Lunch with Steve Quakenbush 12:30 p.m. Room 101

Steve and his wife Janice are part of a global team providing knowledge and expert services to help language communities worldwide gain access to the Scriptures in the languages and media that speak to their hearts. After many years of residence in the Philippines, they now serve from Grand Rapids, Michigan, providing leadership for various translation initiatives. No need to RSVP for this free lunch!

Discovery Camp 2020: Informational Meeting! Sunday, September 29, 12:30 p.m. Room 101

Next summer Third will premiere *Discovery Camp*, an exploration of art, science, and music. We'd love for our congregation to be involved in teaching our students in these interest areas. If you are an artist, a science enthusiast, or someone who has hobbies in the arts and are interested in volunteering, please come and learn more about this opportunity, and how you might be involved! Questions? Contact Tracie Meadows: traciem@thirdrva.org.

NEWS & EVENTS

2nd Grade Bible Dinner Presentation

Sunday, October 20, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Third's second grade students and their families are invited to attend the annual 2nd Grade Bible Presentation Dinner, one our Faith Milestones. Each year, these students and their families share a meal together and hear a message on the importance of God's word in their lives. Then we worship together and each student is presented with an inscribed Adventure Bible. RSVP by October 14 to Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

Guest Speaker from Frontier Fellowship: M.K. Bharti from India

Monday, September 30, 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

M.K. Bharti is our mission partner through Frontier Fellowship. He is from North India and will be here to give us an update on the explosion happening within church growth in parts of India. He is the Founder of the New Life Mission Church and Director of the Bless Ganges Connection, a powerful and effective church planting movement in North India. Come and learn about this ministry that is planting thousands of house churches!

World Communion Sunday: Pray for the Nations – Sunday, October 6

After each service on World Communion Sunday (October 6), everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a special time of prayer. We will have a world map on the floor that will fill the room. You're invited to participate in prayer by standing on the map and praying specific prayers for different countries. Prayer guides will be available; stop by between 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on October 6!

FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRY

During 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services: Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–Kindergarten	Second Floor

During the 10:00 service: Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents or Sunday school:

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–4th Grade	Second Floor
5th–6th Grade (Club56)	Basement
Middle and High School	Student Ministry Area (First Floor)

Need help? Look for volunteers wearing gold or blue name badges. They can help answer your questions, find where to take your kids, and guide you around our building.

Student Ministry: Sunday Night Gatherings

Students in 7th–12th grade are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org) with any questions.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Our new season of adult Sunday school classes has started! If you've never checked out our Sunday morning classes, it's the perfect time to start. All classes meet at 10:00 a.m. For full class descriptions, visit: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

Delta: Young Adult Community and Conversation

Room 217

Are you in your 20–30s or college age and looking for a place to connect with others and grow at Third? Join us for coffee, conversation and teaching on how to connect faith to daily life, work, relationships and culture.

Good News Class

Room 101

Expository Bible teaching of the Gospel of Mark in the tradition of inductive Bible study. Our teachers ask the three classic questions of each text: (i) what does it say; (ii) what did it mean to them (the original audience); and (iii) what does it mean to us? This class is centered on understanding and applying God's word for his glory and our growth as his people.

Study of Acts

Room 213

The Reveal Class will continue our study of the book of Acts, exploring through UP, IN and OUT observations the missionary themes that Luke narrates. The mission of God's people always involves our theology, our community, and our outreach.

Metamorphosis Class

Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

We are a diverse community seeking God's healing and wholeness for the brokenness in our lives and families through safe, authentic Christian relationships. This fall, we'll read *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr. We'll examine how our brokenness can be the springboard for spiritual growth, no matter what half of life we are in.

Questions about our Sunday school classes? Contact Derek Mondeau at derekm@thirdrva.org.

WELCOME!

¡Bienvenido! 欢迎! مرحباً Добро пожаловать!

We're so glad you're here.

1. CONNECT WITH US

If you're new with us, we'd love to get to know you. Fill out one of the Connect Cards in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in touch.

2. LEARN ABOUT THIRD

Feel free to stop by our welcome table in the hallway off the front of the sanctuary to learn more about our community. For more information, visit our website at thirdrva.org.

3. FIND COMMUNITY

Our parish groups provide the opportunity for each person at Third to grow in our relationship with God, build authentic community, love our actual neighbors and bless our city. Find a group meeting near you at thirdrva.org/parish-life.