

Third  
CHURCH

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*Called together for the renewal of all things through Jesus Christ.*

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THE  
MISSIONARY  
GOD

DISRUPTIVE  
GRACE

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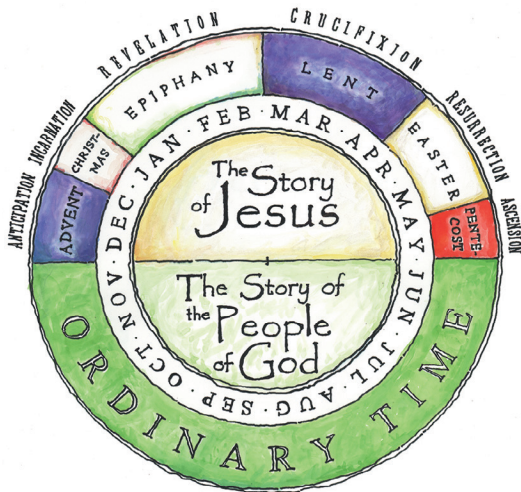
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

"The God of the Bible is a missionary God and  
his people are a missionary people."

PETER KUZMIC

## SANCTUARY DECORATIONS

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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

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*God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.*

### **Prelude**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
(Michael Burkhardt)

Jeff Hummel

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Preparation for Worship**

From Habakkuk 2:20

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple;

**People: Let all the earth be silent before him.**

### **Silent Preparation for Worship**

*Let's quiet our hearts in preparation for worship.*

### **Choral Call to Worship (10:00 service only)**

“A Psalm of Praise”  
(Whitworth)

Choir

Praise God in the sanctuary. Praise God with the sound of trumpet.

Praise God with the harp and the organ.

Praise God with the lute; praise God with the cymbal.

Praise him in the height; praise him, sun, moon and stars.

Praise him, all ye saints; praise him, all ye hosts.

Praise him, all the heavens and earth. Praise him, praise the Lord.

The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

He spreads the snow like wool and scatters frost like ashes.

He sends springs into the valley, he calms the sea.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Blessed are the ones who trust in him. O praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary. Praise God with the sound of trumpet.

Praise God with the harp and the organ.

## GATHERING

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### † Call to Worship

From Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

**People: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.

**People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

**People: The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the  
Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

### Prayer of Adoration

### † Songs of Praise

“The Lion and the Lamb”  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Music on Page 5  
#223 in the Hymnal

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

# THE LION AND THE LAMB



1. He's com-ing on the clouds. Kings and king-doms will bow down.
2. So o - pen up the gates; make way be-fore the King of kings.



And ev' - ry chain will break as bro-ken hearts de-clare his  
The God who comes to save is here to set the cap-tives



praise. For who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?  
free. For who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?

## Refrain



Our God is the Li - on, the Li - on of Ju - dah.



He's roar - ing with pow - er and fight - ing our bat - tles.



And ev' - ry knee will bow be - fore him.



Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain



for the sins of the world. His blood breaks the chains



and ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.



Ev'ry knee will bow before him.



Who can stop the Lord Almighty?



Who can stop the Lord Almighty? *repeat as desired, then go to refrain*

## CONFESSING

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*God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Leader:** We praise you, Holy God, for your steadfast love given to us in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hold us by your grace, even as we have sinned against it and marred our relationship with you and our neighbor. We repent of our sins and long for you to restore us.

**People:** **In your great love come, cleanse, heal and help us, that we may live out our days to the praise of your grace and to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Words of Comfort**

From Romans 8:1–2, 11

**Leader:** There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Child Dedication (10:00 a.m.)** Sophie Ellen Auker (Gayton Parish)

**Sacrament of Baptism (11:15 a.m.)** Mary Mason Spottswood Roper (Grove 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.***

### **† 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.”

## THANKSGIVING

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### Our Offerings

Pray for our mission partners the Gideons, as they distribute over 50,000 Bibles and small New Testaments to schools, hotels, doctors' offices, lawyers' offices, and nursing homes here in Richmond throughout this week. May many hearts be opened to the Lord as a result and may the Bibles be read by all who receive them.

### Offertory

"Brother"

Worship Team

*When I look into the face of my enemy,  
I see my brother. I see my brother.*

Forgiveness is the garment of our courage,  
The power to make the peace we long to know.  
Open up our eyes to see the wounds that bind all of humankind.  
May our shuttered hearts greet the dawn of life with charity and love.

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### † 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

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*God speaks to us through his word.*

### Scripture Reading

Jonah 4:1–11

<sup>1</sup> But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup> Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>4</sup> But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

<sup>5</sup> Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

<sup>10</sup> But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



## RESPONDING

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### Prayers of Repentance

Leader: Father, we approach you with repentant hearts,  
admitting our sin yet resting our hope in your renewing grace.  
When we have judged others, becoming more preoccupied  
with the sin of others than with our own,

**People: Break us, Lord.**

Leader: When we have afflicted others,  
whether by our own power  
or by our silent support of systems  
that oppress and harm,

**People: Break us, Lord.**

Leader: When we have rejected others,  
denying our common humanity,  
refusing forgiveness or failing to extend  
your love to all people,

**People: Break us, Lord.**

### Silent Reflection

Leader: Then broken as we are,  
resurrect us into the new life of Jesus,  
that his life may be made visible in our lives.

**People: Make us, Lord.**

Leader: Then empowered by his love, mold us as clay;  
for you are the potter and we are the work of your hands;

**People: Make us, Lord.**

Leader: Then as your people humbled, called and forgiven,  
empower us with your steadfast love and mercy.  
And send us out as your people, to love and serve our enemies and neighbors.

**People: Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

## RESPONDING

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### The Lord's Prayer

*Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

### Prayer Needs

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**For health:** Wilma Corson, Laurie Marsden, Lynn Pendleton, Danny Yacher, Joe Keller, Eileen Raynor, Pam Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Frances Eichost, Brad Bishop, Noel and Stephanie Brooks, David Hacker, Julie Walden, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

**For comfort for those who have lost loved ones:** Dean and Peggy Dennis, Carrie Henaghan (grandson, nephew, 9/28); 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 public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

## SENDING

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### † Song of Commission

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored.*

*“He has done great things,” we will say together. “We will feast and weep no more.”*

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn: my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

### † Commission and Benediction

From Psalm 96:1–3

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

**People: We will declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

**Postlude  
(11:15 service only)**

“A Festal Fanfare”  
(J. S. Bach)

Jeff Hummel

## SERVICE NOTES

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**Today's flowers** are given by the children of Jack Schilthuis in honor of his entrance into glory two years ago on October 4, 2017.

**Today at the 10:00 a.m. service we celebrate the dedication** of Sophie Ellen Auker, daughter of Lauren and Bryce Auker. Relatives present today are Brad and Anna Seagraves, Cherry Seagraves, Janie Smith, and Spence and Vivian Seagraves. Prayer sponsor is Rob Lesniak.

**Today at the 11:15 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism** of Mary Mason Spottswood Roper, daughter of Holly and Tommy Roper. Among the relatives present today are Jay and Janet Dew, Ellie and Andrew Wilton, and Clint Trapp. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Connie Byers. Prayer sponsors are Kathy White, Fran and John Robertson, and Parker Hale.

**Prayer for the Nations: Pick up a Prayer Guide!** As a follow-up to our "Prayer for the Nations" event last Sunday, prayer guides are available in various spots around the church. Take them home and let them guide your continued prayers for the persecuted church, for Bible translation work in various countries, and for missionaries working in those countries.

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Help Still Needed! Tutors and subs in demand for our Immigrant Tutoring Program**

We now have over 100 immigrant students coming for tutoring help each week— this is clearly a big community need! Can you help for one hour on Wednesday evenings, or even as a sub when your schedule allows? No qualifications necessary! Learn more at [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

### **Second Grade Bible Presentation Dinner Sunday, October 20, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Third's second grade students and their families are invited to attend the annual Second Grade Bible Presentation Dinner, one of 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 Adventure Bible inscribed with their name. RSVP by October 14 to Tracie Meadows ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org)).

### **Today! *Richmond's Unhealed History* by Ben Campbell A Self-Guided Book Study**

Come by the Fellowship Hall today at 11:15 a.m. to get a copy of the book *Richmond's Unhealed History* by Ben Campbell (\$15) as well as a special self-guided study curriculum put together by Third's Jason Snook and LJ Jaworski. The book is a detailed look at the history of Richmond, the crises that have formed our city, and the potential our city has for redemption and renewal. The book's author, Ben Campbell, will give a special epilogue to the book at Third on November 1.

### **Men's Ministry: Outdoor Event (Kids Welcome!) Saturday, October 19, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join us at Steve Krieger's home in Powhatan for a unique outdoor event for dads and their children to gather together. This flexible afternoon and evening will provide lots of open time for us to connect with each other, get to know each other's children, eat Mission Barbecue for dinner and enjoy a bonfire. For the full schedule, details, and to RSVP, visit [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Guided Tour of the Bible: Acts of the Apostles**

#### **A new section kicks off on Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m., Room 217**

This 5-week study digs into one section of the Bible, looking at a different book each week, so we can better understand and be impacted by its message. Ed Satterfield authored the Tour and leads our time. Our next study will meet on Thursdays, October 17 – November 14, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Room 217 and will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. For more information and to sign up, visit [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

### **Collecting Bibles for India – Inspire International**

We are collecting gently used Bibles, Bible commentaries, new and used children's Bibles and Bible dictionaries to be sent to India via our mission partner Inspire International. The collection bin is located in the hallway, underneath the shelf across from the infant nursery. We will be collecting these items October 13 and 20. Please contact Rebecca ([rebeccah@thirdrva.org](mailto:rebeccah@thirdrva.org)) with questions.

### **College and Adult Mexico Mission Trip – June 28 to July 4, 2020**

Over the years it has been our hope to have a team of college students and adults come alongside the Student Ministry team on a mission trip. We will be at base camp together, eat together, and worship together but have separate teams on work sites: a college and adult team and a student ministry team. The main goal: to build not just one, but at least two houses for Mexican families in need. Applications due on November 17! More info and to apply: [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

### **Local Missions Fair – Sunday, October 27, Fellowship Hall**

Our local mission partners will be set up in the Fellowship Hall all morning on the 27th to share ministry information and volunteer opportunities for individuals, families and parish groups. Get to know our local partners and find out where you can serve with them. Drop by before or after a service!

### **Dessert and Dialogue: Loving our friends with mental illness**

#### **6:30 p.m., Monday, October 21, Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave**

Let's come together to brainstorm what we inside the church need to learn so we can love our neighbors and family members who have mental illness. Let's talk about what loving someone with mental illness looks like, what we might do to help destigmatize mental illness, and share stories of hope and experience. Contact Mary Damon: [merryoh@gmail.com](mailto:merryoh@gmail.com).



## FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRY

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**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.

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### 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](mailto:rickh@thirdrva.org)) or Andrea ([andrew@thirdrva.org](mailto:andrew@thirdrva.org)) with any questions.

## THIS WEEK AT THIRD

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- 15 Tuesday**      **Women’s Weekly Morning Study**  
9:30 a.m., Room 213 ([joyce.koontz@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.koontz@gmail.com))
- Women’s Lunch Group**  
1:00 p.m., Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave (Mary Hale: 804-754-1137)
- 16 Wednesday**    **Freedom Road Recovery Community**  
6:30 p.m., Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave ([merryoh@gmail.com](mailto:merryoh@gmail.com))
- 17 Thursday**      **Healing Prayer Group**  
6:30 p.m., Student Ministry Area ([denamnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:denamnelson@yahoo.com))
- 18 Friday**         **Europe Prayer and Care Group**  
8:30 a.m., Carolyn Oakley’s home ([cdoakley1@gmail.com](mailto:cdoakley1@gmail.com))

## SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

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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](http://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**

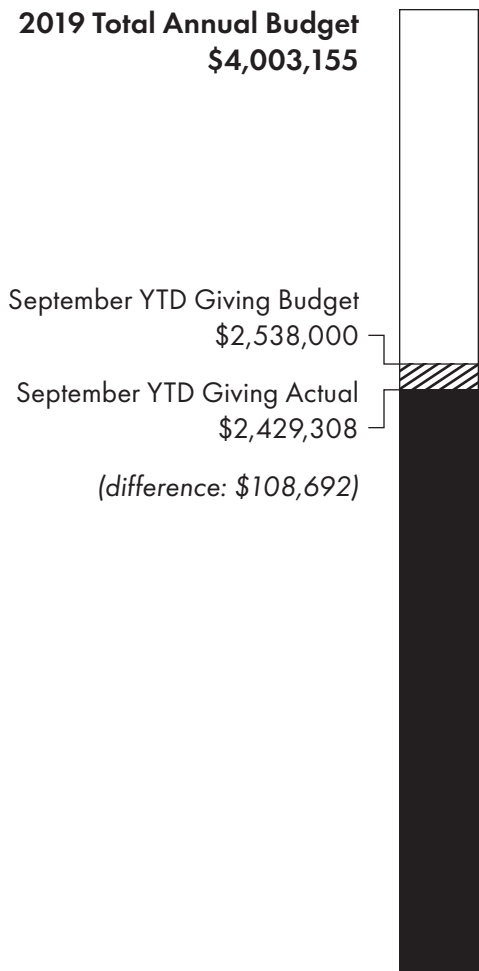
*Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue*

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](mailto:derekm@thirdrva.org).*

## 2019 BUDGET UPDATE

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As we begin to close out 2019 and prepare our budget for 2020, we want to share with our church family how the Lord is providing for our finances this year. We are grateful for his provision thus far, and look to him in the weeks to come.

Year-to-date giving through September was \$2,429,308, which is approximately \$108,692, or 4.3% short of budgeted expectations. It is worth noting that our annual giving budget remains heavily dependent on November and December giving as, historically, close to 30% of our annual giving occurs during these two months. We faithfully rest in God's grace and provision, and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to stir our hearts with overflowing and joyful generosity to meet the commitments to which God has called us.

We give praise for God's faithfulness and generosity and invite you to pray that our financial gifts will empower Third's ministry and mission at Forest Avenue, in Richmond and around the world. Your gifts have Kingdom impact.

# WELCOME!

¡Bienvenido! 欢迎! مرحباً Добро пожаловать!

We're so glad you're here.

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## 1. LEARN ABOUT THIRD

Visit our website ([thirdrva.org](http://thirdrva.org)), sign up for our ministry emails ([thirdrva.org/signup](http://thirdrva.org/signup)), and pick up a copy of Third Press, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

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## 2. JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Join us for our Welcome Coffee next Sunday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. You'll meet a few people and learn about Third's vision and beliefs, and how you can get involved.

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## 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](http://thirdrva.org/parish-life).