



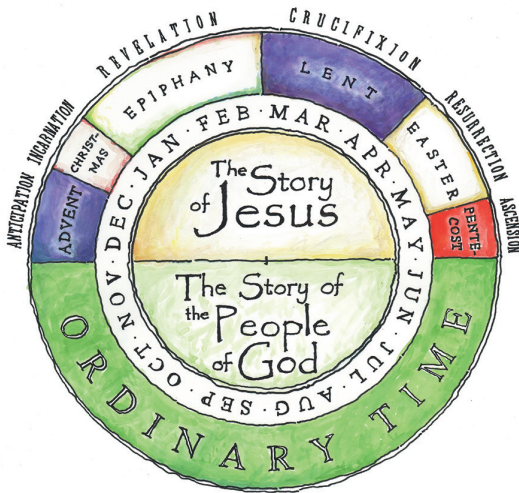
STEWARDING OUR WEALTH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

"All things come from God, are sustained through him, and will eventually flow back to him as the ultimate Owner of everything... Only by affirming that Yahweh is the God of creation, with everything flowing from him, through him, and to him, can we rightly relate to God."

KELLY KAPIC

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

“Prelude and Fugue in D Minor”
(J. S. Bach)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Isaiah 30:15

Leader: In returning and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and in trust is your strength.

People: Amen.

Silent Preparation for Worship

Let's quiet our hearts in preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

From Isaiah 55:1

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: And drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: And be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: And be warmed by the fire of love.

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

“God Is Here”
“Almighty God”

#246 in the Hymnal
Words on page 4

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

ALMIGHTY GOD



1. Al - might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen.
2. Al - might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen.
3. Al - might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen.
4. Al - might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen.



Search and know our thoughts and anx - ious fears.
With grat - i - tude we raise_ our song to you._
We long_ for more than what_ this world pro - vides.
You take_ a - way our sick - ness and our sin._



Wash us in_ the foun - tain of_ your mer - cy._
Come and fill_ the prais - es of_ your peo - ple._
No shal - low spring will ev - er sat - is - fy us._
Oh, Lamb of God, we gath - er at_ your ta - ble._

Sing refrain after verses 2 & 4



Come with your light; we can - not hide_ from you._
In grace and truth you make us new_ a - gain._
Your riv - er deep floods o - ver ev - 'ry - thing.
In bread and wine you have sup - plied_ our needs.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. A double bar line follows. The second half of the line consists of half notes: G4 (with a slur over it), A4, B4, A4, G4.

Hal - le - lu - jah.

The second line of musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. A long slur covers the notes from the second measure to the end of the line. The line ends with a double bar line.

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CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, whose nature is to be generous:

People: We confess that it is too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.

Leader: We are so easily seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions. We are so easily tricked to attempt to assure our own security in this world.

People: See beyond our fear, our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our wrong choices.

Leader: See into our hearts,

People: For you are our treasure.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From Titus 3:4–8

Leader: When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

People: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Leader: So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

People: Thanks be to God!

† 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

Our Offerings

From 1 Chronicles 29:14

Leader: Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?

**People: For all things come from you
and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please pray for the team leaving later today to go to Thailand until November 14. This team of five (LJ Jaworski, Ed Satterfield, Gina Maio, Geof Stiff, and Stephanie Black, our mission partner with Serge) will provide teaching for pastors serving in rural areas in closed countries.

Offertory

"God the Maker"

Words below

We bring our time, we bring our treasure, we lay them down before your throne.
You will make them something greater, more than we could ever know.

We bring our gifts, we bring our power, place them in your sovereign hand.
You will take what we have given, you will use it for your plan.

Glory be to God, the Maker. Glory be to God, Creator.

Take our time, use our treasure, turn them into something greater:

Glory be to God, the Maker.

Though our hearts are weak from failure, broken dreams and failed attempts,
Show us that in every season, you will fill our emptiness.

† **Glory Be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:27–31a | Deuteronomy 8:7–18

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father,
you have made us in your image and for yourself.
You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home.
God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.
By his Incarnation—

People: You have found us.

Leader: By his Death—

People: You have forgiven us.

Leader: By his Resurrection—

People: You have freed us.

Leader: God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

RESPONDING

In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord **(Holy, holy, holy Lord)**

God of power and might **(God of power and might)**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory **(Heaven and earth are full of your glory)**

Hosanna in the highest **(Hosanna in the highest)**

Blessed is he **(Blessed is he)**

Blessed is he **(Blessed is he)**

Who comes in the name of the Lord **(Who comes in the name of the Lord)**

Hosanna in the highest **(Hosanna in the highest)**

Words of Institution

From 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—

**People: One with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in mission to all the world,**

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
We cry, Maranatha!

People: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

RESPONDING

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us.

We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer of Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

RESPONDING

Communion Song

"Is He Worthy?"
(Peterson/Shive, arr. Sorenson)

Choir / Worship Team

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is he worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this?
He is!

Prayer Needs

For health: 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: Lynne Hildebrand (brother, 10/27); Russ Corson, Laura Blacano (wife and grandmother, Wilma, 10/21); Cindy Cave (mother, 10/19); Christine Darby (brother, 10/10); Arthur McCray (father, 10/11); Dean and Peggy Dennis, Carrie Henaghan (grandson, nephew, 9/28); Gay Plack (9/17); Stan Button (9/12)

For Metro Richmond: We pray for persons in financial need in metropolitan Richmond: for the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city; and for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

SENDING

† **Song of Commission** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #876 in the Hymnal

† **Commission and Benediction** From 1 Corinthians 8:6, Romans 11:36

Leader: There is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

**Everyone: For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

Postlude "Toccata on 'Sine Nomine'" Jeff Hummel
(11:15 service only) (Michael Bedford)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our team going to Thailand.

NEWS & EVENTS

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 17, 12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

On November 17, we'll be electing our new class of incoming officers (deacons, shepherding and governing elders, trustees) at our congregational meeting. We'll also be sharing an update about our upcoming capital campaign, for those who didn't attend our last info meeting. Meeting will start promptly after the 11:15 a.m. service ends.

CAC and Third Potluck – Saturday, November 23, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. 1701 Cardwell Road, Crozier

Join us for this potluck and a chance to eat with our brothers and sisters from the Christian Arabic Church and deepen our relationships together. The CAC is excited to host us as they have been hard at work on many improvements including a Prayer Trail, soccer field and volleyball court. Please bring a favorite dish to share. We'll have a bonfire, s'mores and activities for kids as well!

Forgotten No More: Collecting Donations for the Christmas Store for Foster Children – Sunday, November 10, Commons Area

On Stand Sunday, a day when churches across the nation commit to standing up for children in foster care, we'll be collecting donations for our Christmas store for nearby children in foster care. These children will then have an opportunity to "shop" for gifts at an open house on December 7 at Third. Bring donations of new gifts (board games, books, household items, adult-sized hats and gloves, blankets, spa supplies, etc.) to our table by the Fellowship Hall on November 10. Questions? Contact forgottenmore@thirdrva.org.

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

After years of what has been solely a Student Ministry mission trip, we plan to have a second team comprised of college students and adults. These two teams will be at base camp together, eat together, and worship together but have separate working teams, with the goal to build at least two houses for Mexican families in need. Apply by November 17 at thirdrva.org/events.

Now Hiring at Third!

We are currently hiring for two positions at Third: Associate Director of Family Ministry (Nursery and Preschool focus), and Associate Director of Parish Ministry. For more information on these roles, and to apply, visit: thirdrva.org/employment. Third's search process is available and open to all qualified candidates from within and outside the church body. We look forward and pray for the Lord to lead us to the candidate that best fits the position.

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.

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

- 05 Tuesday** **Women’s Weekly Morning Study**
9:30 a.m., Room 213 (joyce.koontz@gmail.com)
- 06 Wednesday** **Freedom Road Recovery Community**
6:30 p.m., Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave (merryoh@gmail.com)
- 07 Thursday** **Healing Prayer Group**
6:00 p.m., Student Ministry Area (denamnelson@yahoo.com)

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.

2019 BUDGET UPDATE

2019 Total Annual Budget
\$4,003,155

September YTD Giving Budget
\$2,538,000

September YTD Giving Actual
\$2,429,308

(difference: \$108,692)



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.

1. LEARN ABOUT THIRD

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

2. JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Join us for our Welcome Coffee on Sunday, November 17, 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.

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.