



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

THE IDENTITY
OF THE KING

Sunday | March 20, 2016

THE ENEMY OF EVIL

Palm Sunday

"I beseech you to again observe the incomparable majesty of Christ who transcends all. With irresistible might and unequalled authority he crushes Satan simply by willing that it should be so."

Cyril of Alexandria, 5th Century

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
欢迎!

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*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

*Third Church exists to spread the gospel and seek
the Shalom of metro Richmond and the world through
a movement of communities and congregations,
welcoming people of all cultures to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude Chorale and Toccata on “All Glory, Laud and Honor” – Jeff Hummel
(Michael Burkhardt)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

Leader: True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,
which is the true path of glory.

All: Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

† Call to Worship

From Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:26

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: Triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn/Song of Praise** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" – #204 in the Hymnal

HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)



1. Praise is ris - ing, eyes are turn - ing to You; — we turn to You;
2. Hear the sound of hearts re - turn - ing to You; —



— Hope is stir - ring, hearts are yearn - ing for You;
In Your King - dom bro - ken lives are made new;



— we long for You; — 'cause when we see
you make us new; —



You, we find strength to face the day; In Your pres-



ence all our fears are washed a-way, washed a - way. —



Ho - san - na!___ Ho - san - na!___ You are the God



who saves us, wor-thy of all our prais_ es.___ Ho - san -



-na! Ho - san - - na!___ Come have Your way



a - mong us; We wel-come You here, Lord Je - sus.___

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CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Lord Jesus,
on this day you received the praise
of the people that later rejected you.
We confess that our wills are as rebellious as theirs;
our faith is often more show than substance;
our hearts are in need of deep cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
We lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to raise what is fallen,
and to receive us as your own.**

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Kyrie Eleison

Words and Music by Alex Mejias

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

Words of Comfort and Assurance

From Isaiah 53: 4-5

Leader: "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed."

Sisters and brothers, because of Jesus Christ,
You are forgiven, you are healed, you are made whole.

All: Thanks be to God!

† **Greeting of Peace**

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT), a Christian community development organization that seeks to build community as they tutor, and provide life skills and leadership training, seeking to transform the environment of the Church Hill area.

Musical Offering

8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services

"This is the Time to Be Joyful" - Sanctuary Choir
(Choplin)

This is the time to be joyful; let us be joyful
As we praise the Lord and bless His holy name.
This is the time to be joyful, so let us praise the Lord
And bless His holy, holy name.
Come praise the Lord, come praise the Lord and bless His holy name.

Let us come before the Lord, our help in times of trouble,
The One who has sustained our weary souls.
For God will not forsake us, nor leave us in our struggle.
He will raise us up; God will raise us up to empower us to sing a joyful song.

This is the time to be joyful; let us be joyful
As we praise the Lord and bless His holy name.
This is the time to be joyful, so let us praise the Lord
And bless His holy, holy name.
Come praise the Lord, come praise the Lord and bless His holy name.

Musical Offering
10:00 a.m. services

“Great God Who Saves”

Oh the promises of God, the rock on which I stand,
The truths to which I cling. His love that knows no bounds;
He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing

When I stumble and my faith is small, I will call your name,
Great God who saves.

I would have despaired if I had not believed,
That You would come to me, great God who saves
In my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me,
Great God who saves.

Oh the mystery of God, who holds all space and time
Yet knows my ev'ry need. The vastness of Your pow'r,
The strength You give the weak; I soar on eagles wings.

And in my pain and in my need
You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see,
You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me.

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Doxology

Please stand as we sing to the Lord

**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.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Response

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure; that
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His should-ers... A -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished. His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Chos - en One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we need your healing power in our broken lives. Each of us has parts of our lives which evil has gripped; none of us are the whole people you intend us to be. We surrender to you and sit at your feet. Deliver us from evil, and continue your work of transformation in each of us.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we cry out for those in metro Richmond who, like this man in the graveyard, are in the bondage of evil—set them free. For those who are isolated and alone—show them love. For those who struggle with mental illness—restore their minds. For those who dwell close to death—show them life. Give us grace to be the presence of Jesus to at least one person in need of restoration and hope this week.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, fill all those among us who work for the wholeness and healing of broken people. We pray for doctors, nurses, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and all those who give their days to the restoration of their fellow humans. Grant them grace, love, perseverance, and confidence that they are doing your work.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with "Lord, in your mercy" and all responding, "Hear our prayer."

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly 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

For Health

Dru Fitch, Charles Ellison, Susan Godfrey, Mark Koontz, Bill and Ann Nell Jackson, Nancy Cunningham, Joe and June Keller, Vickie O'Dell, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Eileen Raynor, Pam Padgett, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt, Celeste Reynolds, Gretchen Gravely, Pam Rambo

For Comfort

Deaths – John Dean, Gayle Mellis, Jessica Cochrane (wife, mother and grandmother June Dean, 3/7), Ann Kooiman (grandson, 3/5), Jack Martin (brother, 3/2), Jim Olson (mother, 2/13), Steve Middleton (father, 2/6), Vi Gresham (1/18), Cecilia Elliott (father, 1/14)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

For Our Nation and the World – Papua New Guinea

(Pray for the World by Molly Wall and Operation World, InterVarsity Press, 2015)

North of Australia, Papua New Guinea has 1,000 people groups and 830 languages among its population of 6.9 million.

- Many came to faith during 130 years of fruitful missions ministry. However, the occult and cults mixed with Christian teaching are growing. Pray for revival and hearts turned back to the living God.
- Pray for Bible translation work, literacy programs, radio ministries to reach the isolated and illiterate, and for Theological Education by Extension programs to train pastors and church workers.
- Many areas of PNG can only be reached by air, with flight conditions among the most dangerous in the world. Pray for safety for the pilots and staff of missionary flight organizations, such as Mission Aviation Fellowship, SIL/JAARS, and New Tribes Mission.

For upcoming trip to Israel: Our team from Third will be traveling to Israel and Jordan from March 23 through April 3.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
2. The flower of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die, its
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sa - vior, ac - cept the love we bring, that



sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on - ly
fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; but hid - den from all
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and wheth - er our to -



won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bles - sings with - out num - ber and
na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to
mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri - ump h through our sor - rows and



mer - cies with - out end. We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
heav - en's gar - den grown: for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us
rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your



word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
free, and we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

† Commission

Leader: "Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51)

Our Lord is on a journey,
leading through betrayal, suffering and torture, and ending on the cross.
He invites us to follow him.

"Jesus told his disciples,
'If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.' " (Matt. 16: 24-25)

**All: Our Lord is on a journey.
May we have the grace to follow Jesus,
and to give to him our very lives.
For in giving away our lives, we find them,
and in dying we live.**

Benediction

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"Trumpet Processional in D Major" – Jeff Hummel
(David Lasky)

SERVICE NOTES

Lent is the 40-day season leading up to Good Friday and Easter in which we focus in a special way on the suffering of Jesus for our sin and brokenness. The piece on the table below the cross was created by church member and artist Debi Berg, and it represents our journey through Lent to Easter. The barren branch speaks of our need for fullness of life, and the nest hearkens to hope beyond ourselves.

After the service, elders are available at the front left of the Sanctuary if you desire prayer for healing, for direction, to begin or renew your relationship with Jesus Christ, or for any other need.

Stephen Jenkins, Deacon, is joining us to help lead worship this morning.

Today! El Salvador Trip Interest Meeting – 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. Join us today for one of our 15-minute overviews on the El Salvador trip. We will meet in Room 100 (Parlor). If you're unable to make one of the meetings and would like to learn more, please call or email trip leader Tom Barila, tomb@thirdrva.org. Application/deposit due April 18, 2016.

Next Week: Bring your Bells to Easter Sunday!

During Lent, we have refrained from saying "Alleluia" during our church services. On Easter Sunday, we encourage everyone to bring bells and ring them with joy every time we say or sing "Alleluia" in celebration of our living Savior.

Welcome Coffee – Sunday, April 3, 9:45 – 11:00 a.m., Parlor

If you're new to Third, come to this monthly gathering to meet a few people, learn about Third's vision, what we believe and how to get involved. Questions? Contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org.

Women's Ministry Morning of Service: April 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We'll meet for coffee and a group devotional at the church, then break into smaller service groups on and off-site. There are a wide variety of options from serving existing mission partners to some non-profits and local groups. Sign up online (thirdrva.org/registrations) or pick up a form from around the church.

Common Good Justice Panel: Wed., March 23, 7 p.m., McGuire Woods

Come hear Justice Mims of the Virginia Supreme Court, and Third Elder, speak on his personal story of coming to learn the meaning of justice, and on what it means to foster justice in our communities. Other Richmonders will provide varying perspectives on how their work in Richmond seeks to promote the common good of justice. For more information, visit www.commongoodrva.com.

NEWS & EVENTS

Weekly Prayer and Communion Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m., Room 101

Each Sunday we hold a weekly gathering of prayer for our congregation and other prayer needs that may arise. This is also a time to receive healing prayer. Communion is served on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th (and 5th) Sundays. Please join us next week.

Youth Life Foundation – Looking for Summer Interns!

Youth Life, an after-school program that seeks the academic and spiritual health of the Northside, is accepting applications (through May 1) for summer interns to work with our students: K-5th, Middle School/High School. For more info, please email: mentor@ylfr.org and visit our intern page at www.ylfr.org.

Relationships in Peace Ministry

If you are experiencing a relationship impasse or need someone to walk beside you through a difficult relational situation or conflict, please contact us. We're here to help. Visit www.thirdrva.org/partners/relationships-in-peace. For assistance: RelationshipsInPeace.thirdrva@gmail.com or call Margie Satterfield, (804) 819-0260.

HOLY WEEK

Experiences and fellowship at Third Church leading to Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday Worship: Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this special worship service in the style of Tenebrae, with gradual extinguishing of candles, accompanied by music, readings, and the sacrament of Communion. Childcare provided for kindergarten and younger.

Good Friday: Friday, March 25, 12:00 p.m.

A brief worship service in the Sanctuary followed by a Lenten lunch (\$5) in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare available for kindergarten and younger during the worship service (12:00-12:30 p.m.).

Journey to the Cross: Friday, March 25, 1:00–8:00 p.m.

A personal experience of Jesus' final hours. A multi-sensory journey where you will be guided to the cross by scripture and artistic presentations.

Easter Sunday: March 27

Services: 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the risen King in the Sanctuary!

- Each service will conclude with Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus.
- The following adult Sunday school classes will meet as scheduled (all others are cancelled for the week): Good News Class, Grace and Addiction, and the Study of Luke.
- Children and youth Sunday school will continue as scheduled at 10:30 a.m.
- Bring your bells to ring in the celebration of the risen King!

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Discipleship Fellowship Classes (10:00 –11:00 a.m.)

If you haven't already, check out one of our classes to get plugged in and meet more folks at Third. All classes run from 10:00– 11:00 a.m. throughout our main church building and our office building (next door, 500 Forest Ave.)

Young Adult Community

Room 215

A Study of the Book of Luke

Room 213

Sermon Chat

Room 207

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

Marriage Fellowship

Room 209

Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?

Room 217

Grace and Addiction

Love and spirituality in the healing of addictions.

500 Forest Ave, Room 109

If you want more information, have any questions about the classes, or want to get in touch with the leaders, visit www.thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship, or contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Stop by the Fellowship Hall from 9:45– 11:30 a.m. for Blanchard's coffee, snacks, and an opportunity to meet folks at Third or learn more about getting involved.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Ministry: Join us each Sunday for food, great teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.

600 Forest Ave., Student Ministry Area

10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday Evening Ministry: Be a part of games, music and teaching and amazing small group community each Sunday night.

600 Forest Ave., Fellowship Hall and Basement

7:00-8:30 p.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

We welcome you to Third and want you to know that your children are precious to us! Our staff of both professional childcare workers and volunteers are here to serve your family in a safe, loving and Christ-centered environment.

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

10:00 a.m. service — Sunday school for children ages 2 and older. Nursery available for infants and toddlers. For details on all Sunday school class offerings, pick up the Winter and Spring class brochure found near the doors.

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. The service is streamed into Room 124 which is located in the connecting hall across from the toddler Room 105.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Prayer and Communion – Room 101

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:20 p.m. El Salvador mission trip informational meeting – Parlor

Monday, March 21

5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

7:00 p.m. Muslim World mission and care group meeting – at the Laurie Chalifoux,
10801 Whitaker Woods Road, 23238, 740-1199

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

9:15 a.m. Weekly group “Breathe” – Room 213

9:30 a.m. Weekly morning Mothers Together group – Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. The Book Group – Bonhoeffer Room, 500 Forest Avenue

6:20 p.m. Session dinner – Kitchen, 500 Forest Avenue

7:00 p.m. Session meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 p.m. SMILE monthly meeting – Room 101

6:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal – Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Kids Jam and Music Fundamentals with chimes and bells – Room 201/Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Third Brass rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service with Communion – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Needle’s Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Friday, March 25 Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue

12:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service – Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Lenten luncheon – Fellowship Hall

1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross – Sanctuary, Parlor and various classrooms

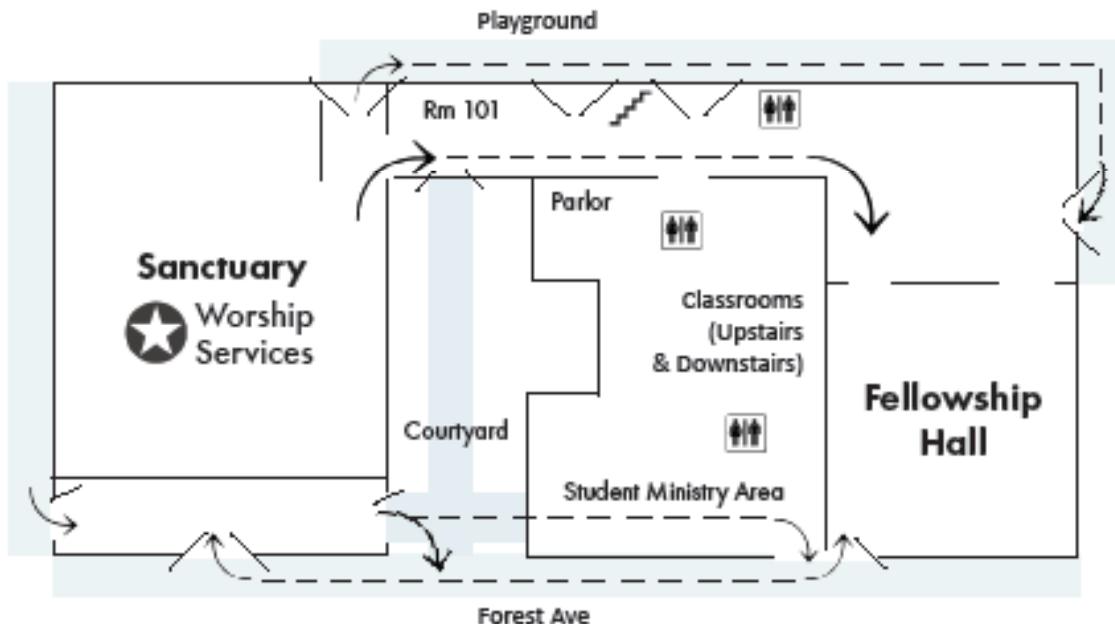
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! We're so glad you're here. To learn more about our community and how you can connect, visit thirdrva.org.

If you'd like to learn more about Third, ways to serve or how you can become a member, please contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org.

JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY!

Our Easter morning worship services will be at 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will be held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, and coffee and refreshments will be served all morning in the Fellowship Hall. For more info on what's happening at Third over Holy Week, see page 20.



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