

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!



Sunday | May 28, 2017

THE COMFORTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Oh, there is, in contemplating Christ, a balm for every wound!
In musing on the Father, there is a quietus for every grief and in the
influence of the Holy Spirit there is a balsam for every sore. Would you
lose your sorrows? Would you drown your cares? Then go plunge
yourself in the Godhead’s deepest sea; be lost in His immensity;
and you shall come forth as from a couch of rest, refreshed and invigorated.
I know nothing which can so comfort the soul, so calm the swelling
billows of grief and sorrow; so speak peace to the winds of trial,
as a devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead.”

Charles Spurgeon



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

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

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

Sanctuary Decorations

Pentecost: A Season for the Holy Spirit

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.

Traditionally, the liturgical season of Easter is celebrated for seven weeks, from Easter Sunday until early June. Then, in mid-June, Trinity Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time, when we remember the work of God in and through his people, visually marked with green sanctuary decorations. And for just one week between Easter and Ordinary Time—on Pentecost Sunday—we decorate with red for the Holy Spirit, whom some have called the “least understood Person of the Trinity.”

This year, however, we are spending a full five weeks focusing on who the Spirit is and how he makes the person and work of Jesus powerful and effectual in our everyday lives. Instead of keeping our white Easter banners up until June, we’re marking an extended “season of the Spirit” with banners showing the reds and oranges and golds associated with him because the Spirit himself is so often connected with images of fire and light and movement. As we learn together to embrace the power of the resurrection made available through Jesus’ ongoing presence with us, we’ll be surrounded by colors and shapes that fill our eyes as well as ears with the message: “Come, Holy Spirit, come!”

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major"
(J. S. Bach)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Ephesians 2:18

Leader: Through Christ
We all have access to the Father
By one Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

† Call to Worship

From Romans 8:26-27

Leader: The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.
We do not know what we ought to pray for,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
through groans that words cannot express.

**People: And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for us
in accordance with the will of God.**

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
"The Lion and the Lamb"

#5 in the Hymnal

(See music on following pages)

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

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success:
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence, evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

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.

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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 be-fore the Li - on and the Lamb.



Ev' - ry knee will bow be - fore him.



Who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?



Who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?

repeat as desired, then go to refrain

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

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.**

Song of Confession

"Kyrie Eleison"

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.

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Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort

Leader: Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Bruce Dreisbach as he seeks to give believers practical steps to be active and prayerful in caring friendships with those who do not yet know Christ, living as witnesses to the good news of Jesus.

Offertory

"My Wordless Prayer"
(Courtney)

Sanctuary Choir

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand.
I can no longer voice one request or one demand.
My cup of tears is empty. I can no longer cry.
My lips have fallen silent. My prayer is but a sigh.

Spirit, come and rest your ear upon my heart.
Oh, come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea
And take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine.
Speak in tones unknown to man, that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to you both night and day.
How long will you be silent? Why do you turn away?

Spirit, come and rest your ear upon my heart.
Oh, come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea
And take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine.
Speak in tones unknown to man, that God may hear and understand.

† 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

John 14:16-18, 26-28

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

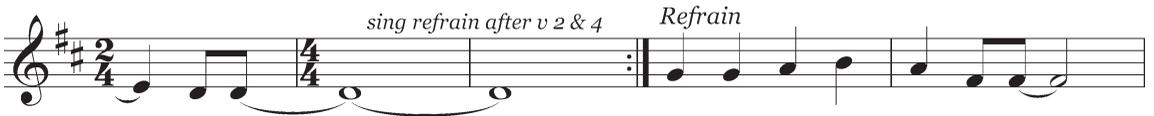
"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"



1. Ho-ly Ghost, with light___ di-vine, shine up - on this heart___ of mine;
2. Ho-ly Ghost, with pow'r___ di-vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart___ of mine;
3. Ho-ly Ghost, with joy___ di-vine, cheer this sad - dened heart___ of mine;
4. Ho-ly Spir - it, all___ di-vine, dwell with - in this heart___ of mine;
5. See, to thee I yield___ my heart, shed thy life through ev - 'ry part;



chase the shade of night___ a - way,___ turn my dark - ness in -
long has sin, with-out___ con - trol,___ held do - min - ion o'er
bid my man - y woes___ de - part,___ heal my wound - ed, bleed -
cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme, and reign___
a pure tem - ple I___ would be,___ whol - ly ded - i - cate



sing refrain after v 2 & 4 *Refrain*

- to day._____
my soul._____
- ing heart._____
___ a - lone._____
to thee._____

Let me see my Sav-ior's face,



let me all___ his beau - ties trace; show those glor - ious



truths to me___ which are on - ly known to thee._____

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Holy Spirit, we praise you that you are the Holy Comforter. For all those trapped in grief, sorrow and loss, bring your consolation and peace. For all who do not know how to pray, intercede for them according to the will of God.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, come to the aid of Syrian and Iraqi refugees, many of whom have resettled in Lebanon. Uphold and provide for those with desperate physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Grant your church in Lebanon the strength to love, protect and provide for vulnerable families.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: King of the nations, on this Memorial Day weekend we thank you for those who have given their lives in service to our country, sacrificing so much to protect those both in our land and in other lands. Comfort those who have lost loved ones in service to our nation. Protect and encourage those who continue to serve and sacrifice. Above all, please hasten the day when nation will not lift up sword against nation, when your kingdom of peace will reign forever.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: 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

Web Estes, Chip Buehler, Listwella Donaldson, Katie McCulloch, Agnes Smith, Bob Horne, Linda Ludlow, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Katherine Crocker, Amy Boyd, Loma Shafer, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

For Comfort

Deaths – Laura Childress (brother, 4/28), Joyce Roberts (mother, 4/27), Sue Hendrickson (mother Becky Sloomweg, 4/18), Anna DeJarnette (father, 4/14), Jennifer Friend (father, 4/4), Will Allen (father, 4/3), Peggy Dennis (sister, 4/3), Barbara Corry (father, 3/22), Kathy Boley (brother, 3/19), Betsy McCray (father, 3/13), Patti Hamilton (sister, 3/10), Betsy Lohr (mother, 3/8), Etta Lawrence (husband Allen, 3/8)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform and common ministry among the Christian community.

Missionary Prayer and Care groups meet monthly to pray for our mission partners in Europe, Asia and the Muslim world. Contact Carolyn Oakley (cdoakley1@gmail.com/937-6564) to learn more.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

#609 in the Hymnal

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

(refrain) Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (refrain)

† **Commission**

From 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

**People: For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ,
so also our comfort abounds through Christ.**

† **Benediction**

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
(arr. Diane Bish)

Jeff Hummel

11:15 a.m. service

If you would like prayer for any reason, two elders are available at the front of the Sanctuary (by the lectern) after each service. We invite you to come forward for any prayer needs you may have.

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our missionary Bruce Dreisbach as he seeks to give believers practical steps to be active and prayerful in caring friendships with those who do not yet know Christ, living as witnesses to the good news of Jesus.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! Guest Speakers and Third New Missionary, Jeremiah Marsden, 10:00 a.m., Room 101 in the Good News Class

Jeremiah Marsden, who is relocating to Kazakhstan, is our newest mission partner. Come hear about his new call and his future plans. We will also hear from Sam and Anya who have been serving among the persecuted church in Central Asia. All three will be serving together in Kazakhstan. Please join us today.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

As a church family we are praying together for Muslims near and far as they begin Ramadan. This is a time when Muslims fast and pray to grow closer to Allah. Let us pray for Muslim families to meet Jesus as they seek to draw closer to Allah. Many have come to faith in Christ during Ramadan. Please take the prayer guide and pray during your personal quiet time, with your family or your small group. More information is on our church website. Prayer guides are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Student Ministry Dessert Auction – Sunday, June 4, Fellowship Hall

Join us for the annual Student Ministry Dessert Auction to raise money for our students' mission trip to Leech Lake, Minnesota. Stop by the Fellowship Hall before or after any of the Sunday morning services, place a bid, and take home a delicious baked good for a great cause. Want to contribute a dessert to be auctioned? Email Andrea (andrewa@thirdrva.org) by May 31!

Did you know? May is Foster Care Awareness Month!

Forgotten No More is hosting a foster care informational meeting next Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m. Virginia ranks 49 out of 50 in the length of time a child spends in the system waiting for adoption. Join us in learning more from BeBe Tran with Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Refugee foster care program, serving youth who have fled home countries due to violence. Please let us know you are coming by contacting Missy Murchie at murchiefamily@yahoo.com.

Annual Sam Jackson Charity Golf Outing – Monday, June 19, 9:00 a.m., Richmond Country Club

This Captain's Choice is suited for all levels of golfers and non-golfers, and is open to men, women, and teens. Sign up as individuals or pairs, and you'll be placed on teams. Registration (\$80) includes a donation, greens fees, golf cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Our goal is to get 144 golfers and to have a hole sponsor for each hole and proceeds go to a ministry or mission. More info and sign-ups: thirdrva.org/events. Questions? Contact Bob Tatti: rjtat24@aol.com.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for our adult Sunday morning discipleship classes **during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour**. For more information on the classes below, visit: thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 215

Loving God with Our Minds

Fellowship Hall (see below)

Forgiving and Reconciling: Bridges to Wholeness and Hope

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Did Our Hearts Not Burn Within Us? A Study of Luke

Room 213

Loving God With Our Minds: Through June 11, Fellowship Hall

This class, taught by CJ Alderson, explores developing the Christian mind so we may strengthen our faith and sharpen our apologetic. We provide a space that is down to earth, yet intellectually rigorous enough for real learning and honest dialogue.

Questions? Please contact CJ Alderson (courtalderson@gmail.com) or Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE:

All of our children's Sunday morning discipleship classes take place during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour. Visit thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning for information on where the classes will be.

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.

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. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is located near the Student Ministry area in Room 132.

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).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Eat at Pie Five (at Willow Lawn) on Sundays from now through June, mention you're with Third, and they'll donate 10% of proceeds to our high school summer mission trip!

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.
600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area
10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, May 28

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

10:00 a.m. Guest speakers – The Good News class, Room 101

Monday, May 29 – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

9:30 a.m. Women's group, "No Other Gods" – Room 213

Thursday, June 1

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, June 2

1:00 p.m. Day by Dayers – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

6:30 p.m. Healing prayer rooms – Student ministry area

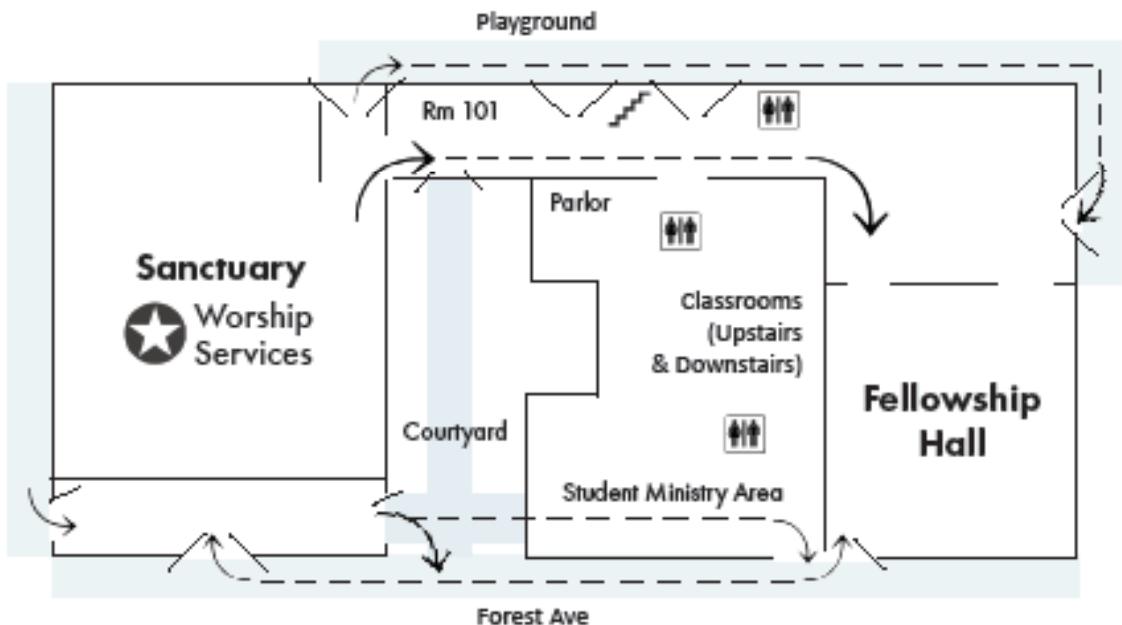
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. We have a couple opportunities for you to connect with us and help you find out more about Third.

- **Sign up for emails:** thirdrva.org/signup
- **Pick up Third Press:** Our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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