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Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

## GATHERING

"MY HOPE IS BUILT" (RAYMOND HAAN)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM ISAIAH 60:1

- › Arise, shine, for your light has come,
- » **And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

- › Christ manifested in the flesh,  
Christ revealed in the Spirit.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**
- › Christ contemplated by the angels,  
Christ worshiped by the Magi.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**
- › Christ professed in the world,  
Christ exalted in glory.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.

*Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.*

A thousand ages in your sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

## CONFESSING

"I CONFESS TO GOD, THE ALMIGHTY"

I confess to God, the Almighty  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
I have sinned through my own fault,  
In my thoughts and my words,  
In what I've done and have failed to do.

And I ask you, my sisters and brothers,  
Pray for me, my sisters and brothers,  
As you pray to the Lord,  
Pray for me to the Lord,  
As I pray for you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

SILENT CONFESSION

*The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.*

WORDS OF COMFORT

- › 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.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

GREETING OF PEACE

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.*

## THANKSGIVING

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### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

*On this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we pray for our mission partner the Pregnancy Resource Center in their work of reaching out to women and men who might otherwise never know the love of Christ or their own worth and value.*

### INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNER JONATHAN CHAN

*Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at [thirdrva.org/give](http://thirdrva.org/give).*

### 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.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
  - » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | GALATIANS 5:13–26

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at [thirdrva.org/this-sunday](http://thirdrva.org/this-sunday).*

### SERMON | "RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT"

## RESPONDING

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### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- › 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,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation—
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death—
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection—
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › 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,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he, blessed is he  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It's 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*

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › 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—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

#### 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."

*As we take the elements together, spend a few moments meditating on the mercy of God given to us in Jesus' death and resurrection. Praise and thank God for his gift of love that binds us together in unity through Jesus' sacrifice!*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- » **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.**

#### SENDING

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##### "O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING"

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

#### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ROMANS 12:1-2

- › I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
- » **Let us not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

#### "FANFARE" (JEAN-JOSEPH MOURET)

# O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame, from
3. A thou - sand ag - es in your sight are like an eve - ning gone, short
4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way; we
5. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, still

Sing refrain after  
verses 2, 3 & 4



shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - p'ning day.  
be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home!

## Refrain

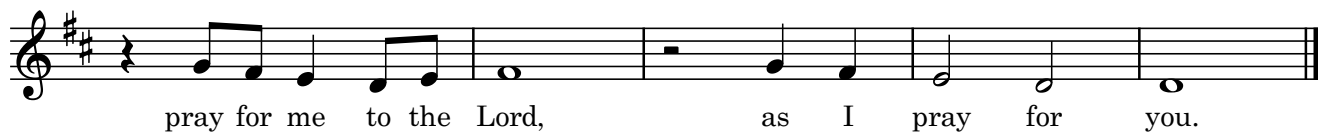
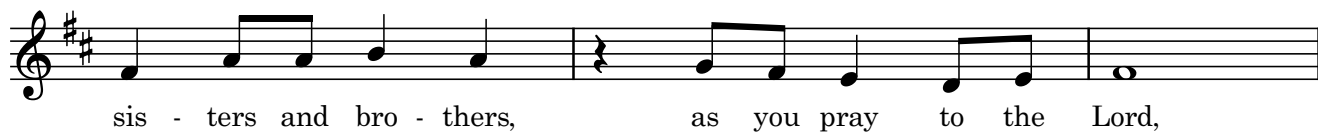
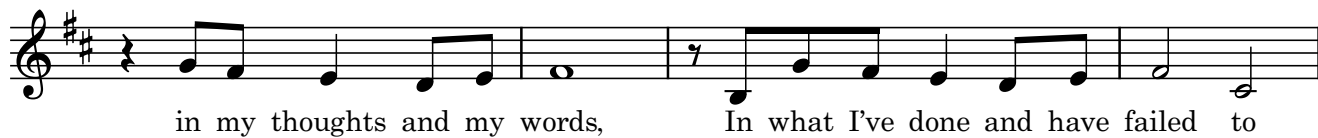


*Un - der - neath the shad - ow of — your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;*



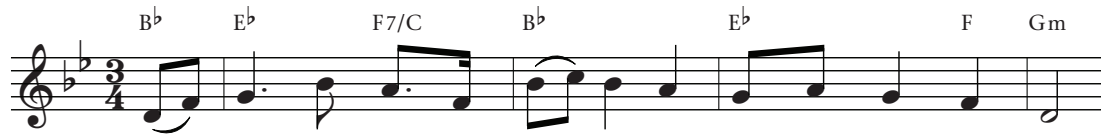
*Suf - fi - cient is — your arm — a - lone, and our — de - fense is sure. —*

# I CONFESS TO GOD, THE ALMIGHTY

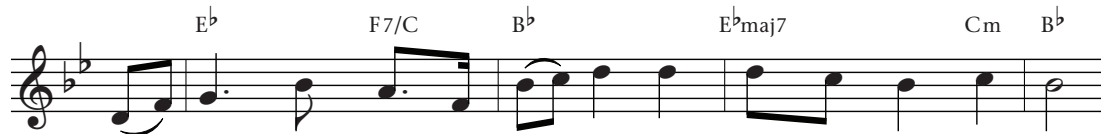


# O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #557



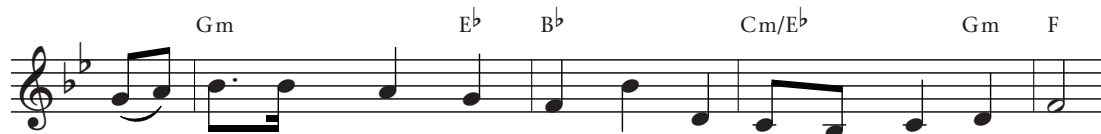
1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flower of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



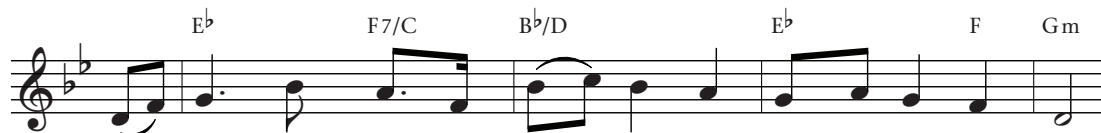
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its fra-gile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at—ev-ery gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown—  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be—filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.  
though small in mor-tal sta-ture, to hea-ven's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your Word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-ifice of praise.

*For accompaniment see 555*

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