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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

"AMERICAN FOLK HYMN SUITE" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 124:8

- › Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- » **Who made heaven and earth.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 113

- › Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.
- » **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**
- › From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » **Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**
- › He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » **Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"IL M'A SAUVÉ"

- › Il m'a sauvé! (*He saved me!*)
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
- › Il m'a sauvé!
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!
- › Il m'a béni! (*He blessed me!*)
- » **Il m'a béni!**
- › Il m'a béni!
- » **Il m'a béni!**
Il m'a béni, alléluia!
Il m'a béni, alléluia!

- › Il m'a lavé! (*He washed me!*)

- » **Il m'a lavé!**
- › Il m'a lavé!
- » **Il m'a lavé!**
Il m'a lavé, alléluia!
Il m'a lavé, alléluia!

- › Il m'a aimé! (*He loved me!*)

- » **Il m'a aimé!**
- › Il m'a aimé!
- » **Il m'a aimé!**

- › Il m'a pardonné! (*He forgave me!*)

- » **Il m'a pardonné!**
- › Il m'a pardonné!
- » **Il m'a pardonné!**

- › Il m'a sanctifié! (*He sanctified me!*)

- » **Il m'a sanctifié!**
- › Il m'a sanctifié!
- » **Il m'a sanctifié!**

- › Il m'a sauvé! (*He saved me!*)

- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
- › Il m'a sauvé!
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**

- › Il m'a sauvé!

- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
- › Il m'a sauvé!
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.
Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
With gratitude we raise our song to you.
Come and fill the praises of your people.
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.
Your river deep floods over everything.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
You take away our sickness and our sin.
Oh, Lamb of God, we gather at your table.
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,
- » **Forgive us;**
- › For the things we have failed to do that we regret,
- » **Forgive us;**
- › For all the times we have acted without love,
- » **Forgive us;**
- › For all the times we have reacted without thought,
- » **Forgive us;**
- › For all the times we have withdrawn care,
- » **Forgive us;**
- › For all the times we have failed to forgive,
- » **Forgive us.**
- › For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
- » **God of all time, forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.**

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 these words of favor, O children of God: all these sins you have truly repented of, he has eternally forgiven. They will never be held against you. You are free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance, knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient to your own failings.
- » **Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!**

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

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.**

Please be praying for our mission partner Rollin Grams as he seeks to prepare and equip current and future ministry leaders in Africa through theological education based at the Stellenbosch Theological Institute, South Africa.

OFFERTORY | "STAND AS ONE"

Stay in the joy, in the Father's strength.
In the Spirit's power, heart to heart, we believe.
Safe in the promise, raised with the Son,
Scattered and protected, we will stand as one.
We will stand as one, we will stand as one.

Hope of the Nations, of all who've gone before,
Trusting through the darkness till the light broke forth.
Standing on their shoulders, help our eyes see
A vision of the kingdom of what is yet to be.
And we stand as one, and we stand as one.

*To worship the King, worship the King.
We stand as one, we lift our voices
To worship the King, worship the King.
We stand as one, we lift one voice in praise.*

Together with the angels, see him face to face.
Jesus is the glory, light that will not fade.
In a world perfected, when the King returns,
No more pain or sorrow, when the work is done.
And we stand as one, we will stand as one.

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at 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.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | GALATIANS 5:22–23, JOHN 16:16–22

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at thirdrva.org/this-sunday.

SERMON | “JOY IN A TIME OF CYNICISM”

RESPONDING

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.

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.**

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!**

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

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

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 1 PETER 1:6-9

- › In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- » **Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

"FANFARE" (GORDON YOUNG)

JOY TO THE WORLD

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #92

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1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: let all their songs em -
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

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King. Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
play, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and

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heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

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sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

For another setting of Ps. 98 see 547

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