



CONNECT TO TODAY'S ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE: THIRDRVA.ORG/THIS-SUNDAY

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

"FROM THE DEPTHS I CRY UNTO THEE" (JOHANN PACHELBEL)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM HABAKKUK 2:20

- › The LORD is in his holy temple;
- » **Let all the earth be silent before him.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 115

- › Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
- » **For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!**
- › The idols of the people are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
They have ears, but do not hear; feet, but do not walk.
- » **Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.**
- › But we trust in the LORD; he is our help and our shield!
- » **We will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

"GOOD, GOOD FATHER"

- » **Sing refrain:**
*You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*
- › Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
PSALM 34:8-9,17-18
- » **(Sing refrain)**
- › "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live."
ISAIAH 55:1-3
- » **(Sing refrain)**
- › "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor
or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor
was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes
the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is
thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you
of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will
eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world
runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you
need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will
be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for
your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."
LUKE 12:27-32
- » **(Sing refrain)**

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | FROM PSALM 79:9

- › Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name,
- » **Deliver us, and forgive our sins
for your name's sake.**

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

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,
forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom,
and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

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 Young Life, as they build relationships with high school students all over the Richmond metro area to introduce them to Jesus Christ and help them grow in following him.

OFFERTORY | "THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind,
And love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us be known, let us be known
By the way we love.
Let us be known, let us be known
By the way we love.

Love, love, love.
The greatest commandment is love, love, love.
The greatest commandment is love, love, love.
The greatest commandment is love.

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; LUKE 6:27-31

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

SERMON | "GOODNESS IN A TIME OF BROKENNESS"

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

- › “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

“WE ARE NOT OVERCOME”

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade;
The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

*Because of his great love,
We are not overcome!
Because of his great love,
We are not overcome!*

Offer up your shoes and shirt;
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | EPHESIANS 2:8-10

- › For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- » **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

“ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH” (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

We rejoice in the birth of Caroline Grace Copeland born on February 23 to Scott and Sarah Copeland and big sister Ann Douglas. They are part of the Three Chopt parish area. Please join us in praying for this family!

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #579

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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Em D G Em Bm G Dsus D
G C Am D Em G D7 G

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WE ARE NOT OVERCOME



1. Flesh will fail, _____ and bones will break; thieves will steal, _____
2. Put no trust _____ in the earth, in the sod _____
3. Of - fer up _____ your shoes and shirt;_ turn your cheek! _____



the earth will shake. Night will fall, _____ the light will fade; _____
you stand up - on. _____ Flow - ers fade _____ in - to dust, _____
Turn your cheek! Bear the yoke _____ of love and death; _____



the Lord will give _____ and take a - way: _____
the Lord will make _____ a place for us: _____
the Lord will give _____ all life and breath: _____

Refrain (sing after verses 2 & 3)



Be - cause of his great love, we are not o - ver - come! Be - cause of



his great love, we are not o - ver - come!