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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

"FANTASIA ON 'A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD'" (JAN ZWART)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- > Christ is risen.
- » **He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 150

- > Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple,
in the highest heavens!
- » **Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds
and noble majesty.**
- > All that is alive, praise!
- » **Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing: alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
And shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
O rushing wind so wild and strong,
White clouds that sail in heaven along, alleluia, alleluia!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice;
You lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part; alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"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, alléluia!
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

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 | FROM PSALM 103:11-13

- › For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.
- » **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- › As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- » **Sing refrain:**
*You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.
You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*
- › Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, raise us who trust in him from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above and be renewed in the image and glory of our Creator. Lord, hear our prayer.
- » **(Sing refrain)**
- › Lord Jesus Christ, who is seated above all power and dominion, teach nations to walk in the way of peace and rulers to seek after mercy and justice, that the poor might be satisfied with good things and senseless death might cease from the face of the earth. Lord, hear our prayer.
- » **(Sing refrain)**
- › Most Holy Spirit of God, who gives light and life to your people, may your presence abide among all your saints. Comfort all who are afflicted and weighed down with sorrow, heal all those who suffer in body or in soul, and grant faith to all who are tried by tribulations. Lord, hear our prayer.
- » **(Sing refrain twice)**

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 Dr. Scott Armistead with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, a fellowship of doctors and dentists and other allied health professionals which has student chapters on health care campuses throughout the country.

OFFERTORY | "WOOD AND NAILS"

O humble carpenter, down on your hands and knees,
Look on your handiwork and build a house
So you may dwell in me,
So you may dwell in me.

*The work was done with nothing but
Wood and nails in your scar-borne hands.
O show me how to work and praise,
Trusting that I am your instrument.*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face,
Oh, build a table that I too may join you
In the Father's place,
Oh, in the Father's place!

*The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness,
So send me out within your ways,
Knowing that the task is finished.
The dead will rise and give you praise—
Wood and nails will not hold them down!
These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds.
The curse is done, the battle won,
Swords bent down into plowshares.
Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them,
Serving at the table you've prepared.*

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 | 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11

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

SERMON | "THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT"

SENDING

"PSALM 62 (MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE)"

My soul finds rest in God alone,
My rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
And lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

*O praise him, hallelujah,
My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing,
My Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone
Amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul
And he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure;
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am his forever!

*Oh praise him, oh praise him,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | ROMANS 11:33-36

› Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

» **For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #551

Unison D Bm Asus A D

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O rush-ing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail
 3 Cool flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for

Harmony Bm Asus A D G D E (A)

with us and sing: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 in heaven a - long, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Unison D G Asus A D

O burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, and shin - ing moon
 New ris - ing dawn in praise re - joice; you lights of eve -
 Fierce fire, so mas - ter - ful and bright, pro - vid - ing us

Harmony G A G A D Em A Bm

with sil - ver gleam, O praise him, O praise him,
 ning find a voice: O praise him, O praise him,
 with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him,

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

For an alternate arrangement see 208, 317, 847

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Unison

E A Bm Em A Em Asus A D

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4 Earth ever fertile, day by day
bring forth your blessings on our way;
alleluia, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part;
alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PSALM 62

(MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE)



1. My soul finds rest in God a - lone, my_ rock and my sal - va - tion;
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions;
3. I'll_ set my gaze on God a - lone and trust in him com - plete - ly;



a_ for - tress strong a - gainst my foes and_ I will not be shak - en.
when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll_ cling to my sal - va - tion;
with ev' - ry day pour out my soul and_ he will prove his mer - cy;



Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me,
though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on_ them.
though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a_ sigh too brief to meas - ure.



I'll_ fix my heart on right - eous - ness; I'll_ look to him who hears me.
The fields of hope in which I sow are_ har - vest - ed in heav - en.
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er!

Refrain



O_ praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward. Ev - er - last - ing,



nev - er fail - - ing. My Re - deem - er, my God.

Sing after 3rd refrain, then repeat refrain



O_ praise him, O_ praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,