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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

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" (ROBERT HOBBY)

### 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

"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; scatter thy foes.  
Let thine almighty aid our sure defense be made,  
Our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, rule now 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.

## "JESUS PAID IT ALL"

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim.  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

*Oh, praise the One who paid my debt,  
And raised this life up from the dead.*

## 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.*

- » **Sing together:**  
*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.*

### 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!**

*We rejoice today in the birth of three babies. Please join us in praying for these children and their families!*

*Charlotte Nelle Stiff, born to Liz and Christian Stiff on April 14. They are in the City North parish.*

*Isaiah Martin Hochstetler, born to Leah and Gabe Hochstetler on April 15. They are in the City North parish.*

*Nora Lynne Foster, born to Jessie and Andrew Foster on April 15. Andrew and Jessie are mission partners based in Spain and will be stateside through September.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- › Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope; strengthen us to proclaim your risen life, and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Gentle Savior, grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love as we interact with other congregations of our city, within our own congregation, and each of us in the households where we live day by day. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Mighty King, by your great power may you cause war and famine to cease through all the world. Please provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Gracious Shepherd, reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying. Comfort and strengthen them and those who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**
- › And now, gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior taught us, saying:
- » **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.**

## 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.**

*Please be praying for our mission partner Beth Baleke as she serves with Scripture Union (Uganda), a program that nurtures children and youth holistically, helping people engage with God through the Bible, so they may follow Jesus Christ and be instrumental in transforming Africa.*

## CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY | BUDDY CHILDRESS

*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.

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | 2 CORINTHIANS 1:12-2:4

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

### SERMON | "THE PROMISES OF GOD"

## SENDING

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### "THIS I BELIEVE"

Our Father everlasting,  
The all-creating one, God Almighty.  
Through your Holy Spirit,  
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

*I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,  
Forgiveness is in you.  
Descended into darkness, you rose in glorious life,  
Forever seated high.

*I believe in you. I believe you rose again.  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth,  
I believe in the saints' communion, and in your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

- › May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » **The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do it.**

**"TRUMPET PROCESSIONAL IN D MAJOR" (DAVID LASKY)**

# COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #492

F Gm C F

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

C7 F

name to sing; help us to praise.  
might - y sword; scat - ter thy foes.  
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
prais - es be hence ev - er - more!

C7 F Gm A Dm

Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
Let thine al - might - y aid our sure de - fense be made,  
Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in ev - ery heart,  
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

F Gm C7 F

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.  
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Words: anonymous, 1757, alt., P.D.

Music (ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4): Felice de Giardini, 1769, P.D.

# THIS I BELIEVE

1. Our Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, the all - cre - at - ing one,  
 2. Our Judge and our De - fend - er, suf - fered and cru - ci - fied,  
 — God Al - might - y. Through your Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 — for - give - ness is in you. De - scend - ed in - to dark - ness,  
 — con - ceiv - ing Christ the Son, Je - sus our Sav - ior.  
 — you rose in glo - rious life, for - ev - er seat - ed high.

## Chorus

*I be - lieve in God our Fa - ther, I be - lieve in Christ the Son,  
 I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, our God is three in one.  
 I be - lieve in the res - ur - rec - tion, that we will rise a - gain,  
 for I be - lieve in the name of Je - sus. I be - lieve in you.  
 I be - lieve you rose a - gain. I be - lieve that Je -  
 - sus Christ is Lord. I be - lieve in life e - ter - nal,  
 I be - lieve in the vir - gin birth, I be - lieve in the saints' com - mun - ion,  
 and in your ho - ly Church. I be - lieve in the res - ur - rec - tion*

## Repeat Chorus

*when Je - sus comes a - gain. For I be - lieve in the name of Je - sus.*