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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

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"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" (JASON PAYNE)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- Be still, and know that I am God.
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth.
- » Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 95:1-2,6-7

- > Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
- » Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- > Let us come before him with thanksgiving
- » And extol him with music and song.
- > Come, let us bow down in worship,
- » Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
- > For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
- » The flock under his care.

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.

"ALL THE POOR AND POWERLESS"

All the poor and powerless, And all the lost and lonely, And all the thieves will come confess, And know that you are holy!

And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!" And we will cry out, "Hallelujah!"

All the hearts who are content, And all who feel unworthy, And all who hurt with nothing left, Will know that you are holy!

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains! Go on and tell it to the masses, that he is God.

CONFESSING

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

- > What can wash away our sins?
- » Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- > We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
- » We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.
- > In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- » 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

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 Alan deCerff as he works with The Navigators ministry in New York City to raise up a core group of conventional income leaders that will be part of the leadership of The Navigators ministry.

INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNERS NATHAN AND AMY

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at <u>thirdrva.org/give</u>.

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 12:1-10

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

SERMON | "BOASTING IN WEAKNESS"

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Father God, you are the good Father who gives us earthly fathers, and we thank you for each of them today. Show grace to all fathers today, empowering them to love their children and families with sacrificial love. Comfort those who grieve the loss of their fathers. Heal the hearts of those who have no fathers or who have been hurt by their fathers. Bring reconciliation to those who have broken relationships with their fathers.
- » You make all things new.
- > Jesus our Savior, who gave the blind sight and raised the dead, we confess that we are weak but you are strong. Shepherd your church to confront the brokenness in ourselves and in our world with confidence in you, the restorer of broken things. Disease, hunger, and violence threaten to swallow the world in death. Rise up and hear the cries of those who suffer, so that you may clothe them in the abundant life of your kingdom.

- Holy Spirit, in your power we pray that you would strengthen the bonds between us. In a time marked by division, would you animate our love for one another. Lead our hearts to yearn and our hands to work, by your power, to repair broken things. Stir in us present action that reflects a radical hope for our future together at your heavenly banquet.
- » You make all things new.
- Gathering our prayers into one, we pray together as you 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.

SENDING

"FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come. Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come.

May the works of my hands bring you joy. May the works of my hands bring you joy. May the works of my hands bring you joy. May the works of my hands bring you joy.

May the words from my mouth speak your peace. May the words from my mouth speak your peace. May the words from my mouth speak your peace. May the words from my mouth speak your peace.

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COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ISAIAH 41:10

- In our weakness, God is with us.
 Do not be afraid, do not be dismayed.
 The Lord is our God.
- » God is our strength, God is our help,
 God upholds us with his righteous right hand.

"IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" (DALE WOOD)

» You make all things new.

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #492



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