

AMONG AMERICAN GODS

A SERIES ON THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sunday | May 20, 2018

NO GRAVEN IMAGES

PENTECOST

"We always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap."

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn



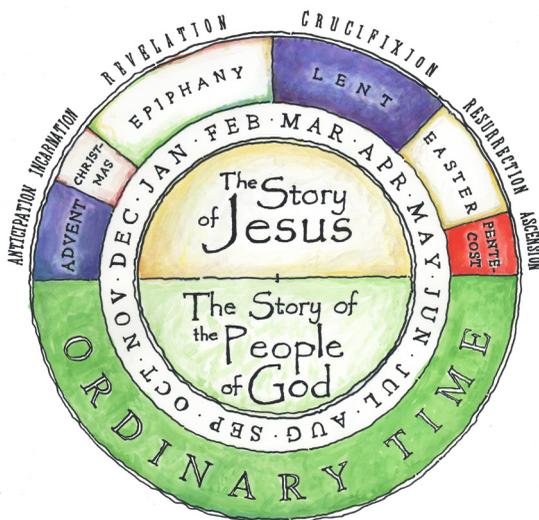
*Called together for the renewal of all things
through Jesus Christ.*

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

Sanctuary Decorations

As followers of Jesus, we “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.



Traditionally, the liturgical season of Easter is celebrated for seven weeks. Then, Trinity Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time, when we remember the work of God in and through his people, visually marked with green sanctuary decorations. The Sunday between Easter and Ordinary time—Pentecost Sunday—we celebrate the Holy Spirit, whom some have called the “least understood Person of the Trinity.”

This year, we’re marking an extended “season of the Spirit” with banners showing the reds and oranges and gold associated with him because the Spirit himself is so often connected with images of fire and light and movement. As we embrace the power of the resurrection made available through Jesus’ ongoing presence with us, we’re surrounded by the colors that fill our eyes and ears with the message: “Come, Holy Spirit, come!”

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue in C Major”
J. S. Bach

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sanctuary Choir

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me,
Mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Let's quiet our hearts in silent preparation for worship.

† *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

GATHERING

† Call to Worship

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

“O Breath of Life”
“Holy Spirit”

#299 in the Hymnal

O BREATH OF LIFE

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
Revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need.

Then in your tenderness remake us;
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart.

Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;
Revive your church in every part!

HOLY SPIRIT

Verses



1. There's noth - ing worth more__ that will ev - er come close.__
2. I've tast - ed and seen__ of the sweet - est of loves,__



Noth - ing can com - pare; you're our liv - ing hope.____
where my heart be - comes free__ and my shame is un - done__

Chorus



Your pres - ence, Lord. Ho - ly Spir - it, you are
in your pres - ence, Lord.



wel - come here; come flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; your



glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for; to be o - ver - come by your

pres - ence, Lord. _____ Your pres - ence, Lord. _____

Bridge

Let us__ be - come more a - ware__ of your pres - ence;

Let us__ ex - per - i - ence the glo - ry of your good - ness, Lord.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

† **Song of Confession** “Clean Heart” (See music on following page)

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From Romans 8:1–2, 11

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

People: Thanks be to God!

† **Greeting of Peace**

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, offer to one another a sign of peace: a handshake, a hug, or even just a smile. You could say something simple like “Peace be with you,” or just simply, “Peace.”

CLEAN HEART

Give me a clean heart. Give me a
clean heart. Wash a - way eve - - ry - -
- sin and re - - gret. Re - store your Spir - -
- it in - to this ves - - sel. Give me a
clean, clean - - heart.

Words and Music: K. Jones; Urban Doxology

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Karen Carr as she provides training and counseling for mission workers in East and West Africa together with the Mobile Mission Care Team.

Offertory

"Great I Am"
Jared Anderson

Worship Team

I wanna be close, close to your side,
So heaven is real and death is a lie.
I wanna hear voices of angels above, singing as one.

*Hallelujah, holy, holy,
God Almighty, great I Am.
Who is worthy? None beside thee, God Almighty,
The great I Am.*

I wanna be near, near to your heart,
Loving the world, hating the dark.
I wanna see dry bones living again, singing as one.

The mountains shake before you,
The demons run and flee
At the mention of your name, King of majesty.
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the presence of the great I Am,
The great I Am, the great I Am!

Words and Music: Jared Anderson
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PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:4–6

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Psalm 115:4–8

- ⁴ But their idols are silver and gold,
made by human hands.
⁵ They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.
⁶ They have ears, but cannot hear,
noses, but cannot smell.
⁷ They have hands, but cannot feel,
feet, but cannot walk,
nor can they utter a sound with their throats.
⁸ Those who make them will be like them,
and so will all who trust in them.

Mark 4:9

Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

† **Song of Response** "Jesus, I Come" (See music on following page)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Eternal God, holy Father, our origin, our destiny, depth of our being, breath of our life, as you ever delight in the worship and service of your children, be pleased to pour your Holy Spirit upon us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As your Spirit came upon your prophets of old, grant us your Spirit of truth and understanding, that we may know your ways and walk in them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As your Spirit came upon Christ at the Jordan, grant us your Spirit of power and consecration, that we may enter into the ministry and victory of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As your Spirit came upon your church in Jerusalem, grant us your Spirit of grace and love, that our lives may more fully reflect your glory and that the world might believe, to the honor of your name. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:

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.

JESUS, I COME



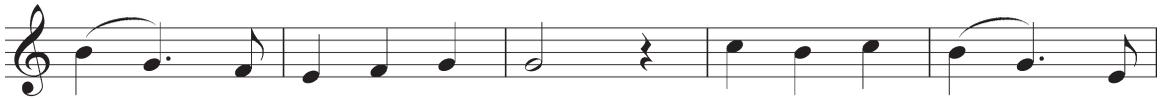
1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I



come... In - to thy free - dom, glad - ness and light, Je - sus, I come to
 come... In - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross, Je - sus, I come to
 come... In - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to
 come... In - to the joy and light of thy home, Je - sus, I come to



thee... Out of my sick - ness in - to thy health, out of my
 thee... Out of earth's sor - rows in - to thy balm, out of life's
 thee... Out of my - self to dwell in thy love, out of de -
 thee... Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, in - to the



want - ing and in - to thy wealth, out of my sin and
 storms and in - to thy calm, out of dis - tress in - to
 spair in - to rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for - ev - er on
 peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er thy glo - ri - ous



in - to thy - self, Je - sus, I come to thee.
 ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to thee.
 wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to thee.
 face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to thee.

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Prayer Needs

For Health

Baby Cameron Mims Crocker, Lauren Earley, Lee Sauvain, Stephanie Brooks, Tom Morgan, Betty Cox, Rick DeJarnette, Dru Fitch, Larry Dupree, Kaye Phillips, Brad Bishop, Julie Walden, Amy Boyd, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones

Waylon Lloyd (father, 5/12), Joyce Robertson (longtime former member, 5/9), BJ Saunders (husband Barry, 5/1), Janis Sumpter (4/24), Lauren Hill (grandmother, 4/2), Parker Garrett (father, 4/2), Kevin Donham (father, 3/28), Willson Brockenbrough (father, 3/11), Ken Hurst (father, 3/3), David Skove (father, 2/25)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

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.

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The power and might of his great Name.
Let us exalt on bended knee:
Praise God, the Holy Trinity.

Praise to the King, his throne transcends;
His crown and kingdom never end.
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One who died for me.

Amen.

SENDING

† **Commission and Benediction** From Habbakuk 2, Colossians 1, Psalm 106

Leader: “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies? For the one who makes an idol trusts in his own creation. It cannot speak. It cannot give guidance. It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.”

People: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

Leader: Once we were alienated from God, enemies in our minds and hearts, because of our idolatry. But now he has reconciled us by Christ’s physical body through death to present us holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

People: We will not forget that God alone is Savior. He has done great things for us.

† **Postlude** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Jeff Hummel
(11:15 service only) Diane Bish

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate the birth of William Carey Hutton, son of Caroline and Rick Hutton. William was born on May 11, 2018.

Today’s flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Karen Carr as she provides training and counseling for mission workers in East and West Africa together with the Mobile Mission Care Team.

Family Adventure Week – Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for our first Family Adventure Week. We have places for youth, rising 6th grade and older, and adults to serve. Please visit the events page of our website for all of the volunteer information, including descriptions and registration information. Contact Tracie Meadows if you have questions at traciem@thirdrva.org.

Mission Scholarship and Training Fund – Give Today!

This year our annual short-term mission offering will go toward partial scholarships and supplies for work projects of our four mission teams, as well as training opportunities to engage deeper with the work of missions and outreach. To read more about this fund, the ways it will be used, and how to donate, visit: thirdrva.org/missions-fund. Or you can donate using the envelopes found around the church.

Serve in Short-Term Mission Opportunity!

Standing Rock Indian Reservation – July 29–August 5

Third Church is planning to return to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation this summer. We'll be supporting our mission partners Native Young Life and Saint Luke's Episcopal by assisting with a three-day Young Life camp for middle and high school students. Get more info on what we'll be doing, costs, and travel arrangements at: thirdrva.org/events.

Meet our Mission Partner: Colin Peckham – Sunday, May 27, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Come and meet one of our newest supported mission partners! Colin and Norma Peckham are serving with Artists in Christian Testimony International, heading up arts ministry in South Africa and Scotland. They work with local churches, organizations and prisons to present evangelistic outreach events and events aimed at church unity and racial reconciliation using choirs, bands, orchestras and dramatic presentations.

College Ministry Cookout – Friday, May 25, 5:00 p.m.

Welcome back to Richmond for many of you finishing up a great semester at college—now let's celebrate! Come kick off the summer with some great food and company, and make sure to bring a friend or two. Hope to see you there (location TBD). RSVP to Phillip Yelverton at phillipy@thirdrva.org.

Parenting Class: Who's In Charge Here? – 10:00 a.m., Sunday mornings in June

Janet Carter, a former member of Third, will be with us to teach a 4-week parenting class on Sunday mornings in June. Janet leads a parenting ministry, where the bulk of her work is parent coaching. She is a sought-after speaker and we're delighted to bring her to Third for this class that will cover many relevant parenting topics. Register for this free class (and sign up for childcare): thirdrva.org/registrations.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for one of our Sunday school classes!

This season of classes ends today, May 20. All our classes happen at 10:00 a.m.

Acts: The Sequel

Led by Andrew Fuller, Grant
Holbrook, Jennifer Parham
March 4–May 20, Room 213

Soul Repair: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Life

Led by Mary Damon
March 4–May 20, 500 Forest Ave.,
Multipurpose Room

A Study of Galatians

Led by David Carroll and David Skove
March 4–May 20, Room 101

*For any questions about our Sunday school classes, contact Derek Mondeau:
derekm@thirdrva.org.*

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us today for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.

600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area
10:00–11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th–12th grade.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00–8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – SUNDAY MORNING

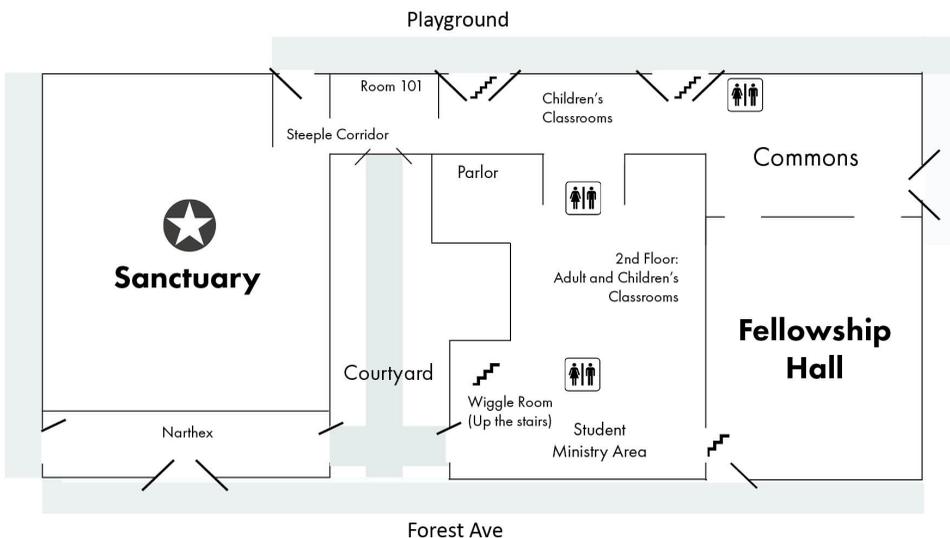
During 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services: Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–Kindergarten	Second Floor

During the 10:00 service: Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents or Sunday school.

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–4th Grade	Second Floor
5th–6th Grade (Club56)	Basement
Middle and High School	Student Ministry Area (First Floor)

Questions? Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).



THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, May 20

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Parish Core Leader Training – Room 217
11:15 a.m. Welcome Coffee – Parlor
6:00 p.m. Night to Remember – Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

Tuesday, May 22

9:30 a.m. “All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians” – Room 213
12:00 p.m. Christian Book Group – Bonhoeffer Room, 500 Forest Ave.

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Freedom Road: A Recovery Community – Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.

Thursday, May 24

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study – Room 132
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir room
7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary

WELCOME TO THIRD

We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. To get started, you can visit our **website** (thirdrva.org) and signup for our **ministry emails** (thirdrva.org/signup). You can also pick up a copy of **Third Press**, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you ever need help on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing yellow name badges. They can help answer questions, find seats, and guide you around our building.

A Wiggle Room is available if you need to leave the service with your little one. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is across the courtyard and directly up the stairs, Room 226.

JOIN A PARISH GROUP COMMUNITY

We desire everyone at Third to be known, cared for, and encouraged as a disciple of Christ, and we do this through our Parish Groups. Whether you are new or not, you are invited to a Parish Group in your area this week. No qualifications, no homework, just come. We have a place set for you.

Parish Groups meet weekly to grow in our relationship with God, build authentic community, love our actual neighbors and bless our city. Learn more and find a group meeting near you at thirdrva.org/parish-life.