

AMONG AMERICAN GODS

A SERIES ON THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sunday | June 24, 2018

ADULTERY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

"Lovers must not, like usurers, live for themselves alone.... They say their vows to the community as much as to one another, and the community gathers around them to hear and to wish them well, on their behalf and its own.... And so here, at the very heart of community life, we find not something to sell as in the public market but this momentous giving.

If the community cannot protect this giving, it can protect nothing."

Wendell Berry



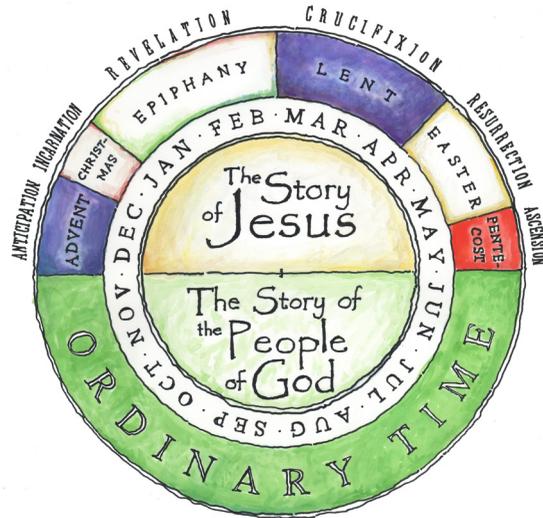
*Called together for the renewal of all things
through Jesus Christ.*

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
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*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.



Having spent the half year from Advent to Pentecost walking through the whole story of Jesus, this Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Matthew Corl

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Habakkuk 2:20

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple;

People: **Let all the earth be silent before him.**

Choral Preparation for Worship (11:15 service only)

“By the Gentle Waters”
(See words on following page)

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

BY THE GENTLE WATERS

By the gentle waters you will safely lead me,
In green pastures feed me, knowing what is best.
Though I often stray, wander far away,
I can hear you say, "Come to me and rest."

Though the path be rough and rugged,
Though the trail be dark and steep,
Still the gentle Shepherd watches o'er his sheep.

There's no need to fear when the Shepherd's near.
When your voice I hear, I find comfort sure.
Free from all alarm, sheltered from all harm,
Safely in your arms, I can rest secure.

With the flock abiding, all my needs supplying,
Comforting and guiding, leading all the way.
Jesus, loving Shepherd, you'll forsake me never.
In your flock forever, I am not alone.

Though the darkness hide me, you are close beside me.
Gentle Shepherd, guide me 'til I'm safely home,
'Til I'm safely home, safely home.

GATHERING

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

**People: One generation commends your work to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**

Leader: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**People: They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

People: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer of Adoration

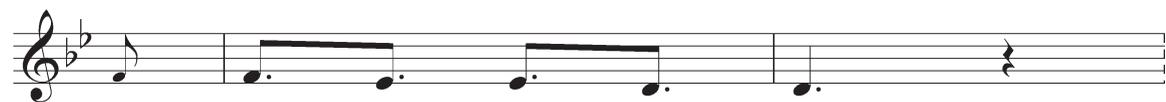
† **Songs of Praise** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" #2 in the Hymnal
"Our Great God" (See music on following page)

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

OUR GREAT GOD



1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing,
 2. Lord, we are weak and frail,
 3. Let ev' - ry crea - ture in the sea



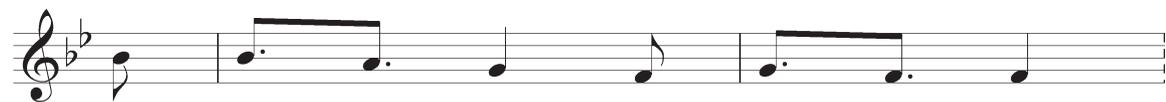
mys - te - rious and un - known;
 --- help - less in the storm.
 and ev' - ry fly - ing bird,



your bound - less love, un - fail - ing,
 Sur - round us with your an - gels,
 let ev' - ry moun - tain, ev' - ry field



--- grace and mer - cy shown.
 --- hold us in your arms;
 and val - ley of the earth;



Bright ser - a - phim in cease - less flight
 our cold and ruth - less en - e - my,
 let all the moons and all the stars



a - round your glo - ri - ous throne;
 his pleas - ure is our harm.
 in all the u - ni - verse



they raise their voic - es day and night
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
 sing prais - es to the liv - ing God



in praise to you a lone.
 be - fore our sov - 'reign God.
 who rules them by his word.

CHORUS



Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry



be to our great God! Hal - le -



lu - jah! Glo - ry



be to our great God!

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all the faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us,
nothing that is not harmful.

People: **Cleanse what is sordid,
flood what is arid,
heal what is hurt,
flex what is rigid,
fire what is frigid,
correct what goes astray.**

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.

People: **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

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."

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Jeremiah Marsden as he coaches, mentors, and counsels children navigating the challenges of cross-cultural childhood and deciding how best to follow Jesus and live out what he's called them to do.

Interview with Jeremiah Marsden

Offertory

"Gomer's Song"
Silvia Ledon

Worship Team
(See words on following page)

GOMER'S SONG

Standing in the marketplace, all eyes on me
Staring at my nakedness, seeing right through me.
I feel so lost that I could run away,
But the shackles on my feet remind me I'm a slave.

Will somebody call my name?
I need mercy.

Deep in my heart I cried for life to end.
With tears in my eyes, I called for help.
Others were purchased and taken away
But I was left standing alone and ashamed.

And nobody called my name.
Where was mercy?

I left my husband and my children all alone
And I have come to hate what I've become.
Perhaps I should be left standing here
But I am cold and I am scared.

He brought fifteen shekels of silver
And bought me again as his bride.
I couldn't look into his eyes
But he took me in his arms and then he smiled.

When he called my name
I knew mercy.

I knew mercy
When he called my name.
And still he calls my name.
Has he called your name?

Words and Music by Silvia Ledon

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:14

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

† **Song of Response** "Be Thou My Vision" Worship Team
(See words on previous page)

New Covenant Partners Joining (10:00 service only)

Kate Townsend, Byron Reeves

Mexico Mission Team Commission (11:15 service only)

Annie Bartley, Maggie Cox, Carl Cunningham, Jera Cunningham, Charles Ellison, Ann Riley Goldschmidt, Peyton Hayes, Ansley Henderson, Rick Hutton, Trina Jeffer, Maggie Keller, Suzanne Lohr, Brantley Mills, Chi Mills, Ridge Patteson, Allison Potter, Rachael Potter, Hayden Pounders, Calder Sprinkle, McKinley Sprinkle, Wil Steadman, Jonathan Tyler, Sam Tyler, Katie Tyler, Andrea Woie, Ian Woie

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Jim Hobgood, Gloria Price, Jimmie Massie, Lee Sauvain, Stephanie Brooks, Tom Morgan, Betty Cox, Rick DeJarnette, Dru Fitch, Kaye Phillips, Brad Bishop, Julie Walden, Amy Boyd, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones

Amanda Seibert (mother, 6/9), Bill Hall (father, 6/1), Raymon Milton Roberts (mother Katie, 5/21), Waylon Lloyd (father, 5/12), Joyce Robertson (longtime former member, 5/9), BJ Saunders (husband Barry, 5/1)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the criminal justice system in metropolitan Richmond: for chaplains, ministries to jails and prisons, halfway houses, work release and after-care programs.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Commission

1 John 4:18–19

Leader: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

Everyone: We love because he first loved us.

† Song of Benediction

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.

† Postlude (11:15 service only)

“Fugue in C Major”
Dietrich Buxtehude

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate the birth of Katherine Virginia Rand, daughter of Elizabeth and Ben Rand. Katherine, or “Kackie,” was born on June 18, 2018.

Today’s flowers are given in honor of Jeremiah Marsden as he coaches, mentors, and counsels children navigating the challenges of cross-cultural childhood and deciding how best to follow Jesus and live out what he’s called them to do.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! Reception for Tom Barila – 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We’re inviting you to a celebration reception for Tom, Elizabeth and their children, Tommy and Catherine, after the 11:15 a.m. service. Please come! We’ll have delicious goodies, several tributes, and some fun surprises as well.

Donate to Our Hymnal Collection for the Sanctuary!

We are so excited to be joining together as a congregation to invest in new hymnals. This hymnal—titled *Lift Up Your Hearts*—includes all our favorite hymns plus beautiful liturgies and many of our new favorite worship songs. Over 950 songs total! It also gives us a fresh opportunity to lean more on our hymnal, using it as often as possible both in our worshipping life in the Sanctuary and also in our homes. Purchase a new hymnal (\$20) for the Sanctuary in honor of a loved one, and also purchase one for use with friends and family at home or for your parish group. Copies of the hymnal are available for you to look through at the front of the Sanctuary. Learn more about the hymnal and donate: thirdrva.org/hymnals.

Pick up the Mission Partner Prayer Booklets around the church today.

We are handing out two Mission Partner Booklets—a local booklet and a global booklet. In the booklets, you can learn about each of our mission partners, their ministries, and how to pray for them. Please make sure you pick them up as you exit the Sanctuary or visit the mission galleries in the main hallway.

Women’s Summer Study – Wednesdays, July 11–August 15

Join the women of Third for a study of *You Are Free* by Rebekah Lyons. In this video-guided study, Rebekah Lyons will help us reject the lie that what others think of us determines our worth. We’ll meet Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m., from July 11 through August 15. Sign up (\$20, includes study guide) at thirdrva.org/events.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

A Study of Proverbs

Led by David Carroll and David Skove
10:00 a.m., Room 101

Loving God With Our Minds

Led by CJ Alderson
10:00 a.m., Room 213

“Who’s In Charge Here?” A Parenting Class

Led by Janet Carter
10:00 a.m., Sunday mornings in June, Fellowship Hall

Childcare during the 10:00 a.m. hour for kids 1st–4th grade is available only by pre-registering with Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

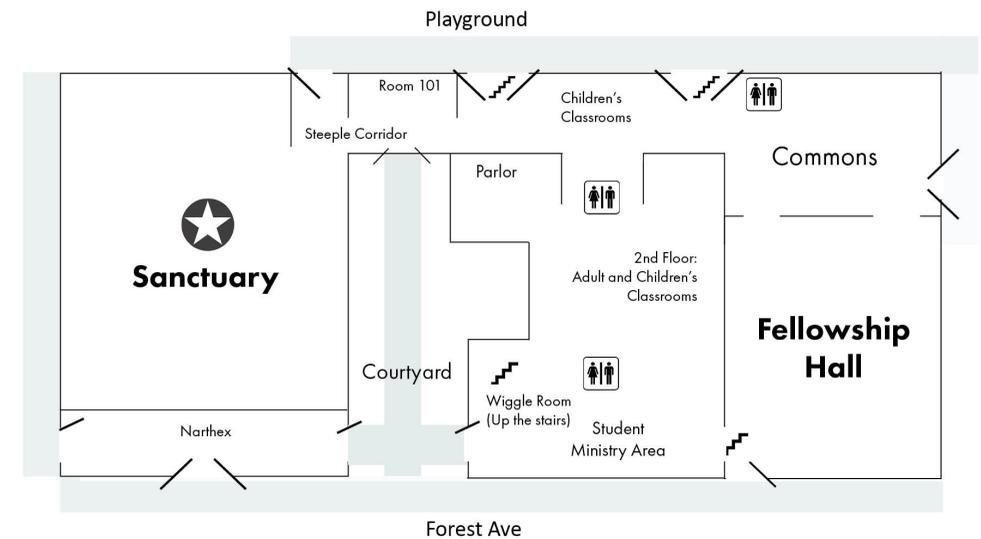
For more information or questions about our Sunday school classes, contact Derek Mondeau at derekm@thirdrva.org, or visit thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY – SUNDAY MORNING

Childcare is available during all three services for children aged Kindergarten and younger. There will not be Sunday school during the summer for first grade and above, but we welcome them to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary.

Infants – 3 year olds First Floor
4 year olds – Kindergarten Second Floor

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



STUDENT MINISTRY

There will not be morning Sunday school meetings during our summer schedule.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us for ultimate frisbee and Bible study on Sunday nights, June 3–July 29 at 2340 Pump Road. Bring your Bible, a water bottle and a friend.

Questions? Contact Andrea (andrew@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, June 24

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Parish Core Leader training – Room 217
12:30 p.m. Reception for Tom Barila – Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 25

5:30 p.m. Family Adventure Week – 600 Building

Tuesday, June 26

5:30 p.m. Family Adventure Week – 600 Building
5:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

Wednesday, June 27

5:30 p.m. Family Adventure Week – 600 Building
6:30 p.m. Freedom Road – Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.
7:00 p.m. Women’s Summer Study Leader training – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

Thursday, June 28

7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, June 30

4:00 p.m. CAC Youth Music Concert – Fellowship Hall

If you would like to contact a governing elder, please find their names and phone numbers here. You can also find their bios at: thirdrva.org/leadership-and-staff.

Jimey Ames 804-740-2906	Ed Satterfield. 804-282-4645
Mike Armstrong 804-437-3687	David Skove. 804-357-9421
Allene Brown. 804-441-1668	Steve Tyler 804-240-6752
Jeff Hassler. 571-344-0611	Scott Ziegler 804-338-0984
Fritz Kling 804-714-4066	
Heidi Little. 804-677-4121	Corey Widmer on sabbatical
Jennifer Parham 804-218-5164	Rick Hutton. on sabbatical
Stephen Piepgrass 804-503-6939	Andrew Fuller abroad for summer

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 sign up 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.