

# AMONG AMERICAN GODS

A SERIES ON THE  
TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sunday | July 15, 2018

## *YOU SHALL NOT COVET*

"Our Lord finds our desires not too strong but too weak.  
We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex  
and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child  
who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot  
imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.

We are far too easily pleased."

C. S. Lewis



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

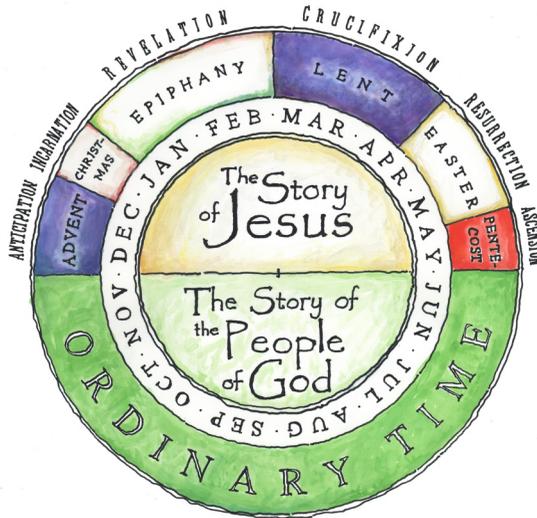
Welcome!  
¡Bienvenido!  
欢迎!  
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*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!  
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

## Sanctuary Decorations

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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

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*God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.*

## **Prelude**

"Hymn to Joy"

Jeff Hummel

Albert Travis

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Preparation for Worship**

From Psalm 46:10

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.

**People: Amen.**

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

## **† Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 4:4–6

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

**People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all!**

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## **† Songs of Praise**

"Great Are You, Lord" (See music on following page)

"Be Thou My Vision" (See lyrics on following page)

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

# GREAT ARE YOU, LORD

## Verse

You give life. You are love. You bring  
light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re -  
store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken.  
And great are you, Lord.

## Chorus

It's your breath in our lungs, so we  
pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your  
breath in our lungs, so we  
pour out our praise to you on - ly.

*Fine*

Bridge

And all the earth will shout your praise. Our

hearts will cry, these bones will sing, \_\_\_\_\_

"Great are you,

Lord!" \_\_\_\_\_

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## BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won;  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

# CONFESSING

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*God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Words of Assurance**

From Romans 5:1–2, 5

Leader: “Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”  
Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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

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## **Our Offerings**

Pray for Adam and Mary, who are seeking to communicate the good news of Jesus to a people group that has never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

## **Offertory**

“Steps in the Night”  
Urban Doxology Songwriting Interns

Lord, I know that you knitted me in my mother’s womb,  
And you say that the darkest night is like light to you.

But I can’t see a thing in the dark.  
All that I have is your word.

*If you lead me, I’ll take the steps in the night.  
When I can’t see, I’ll trust you are right by my side.*

Lord, you see my uncertainty that I can’t deny,  
But you take all my doubt and show me the way of life.

Even when I can’t feel, even when I can’t see,  
I will trust in the plan that you have for me.

Will you lead me? Will you guide me?

## **Doxology**

*Please stand as we sing to the Lord.*

† **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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*God speaks to us through his word.*

## **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 20:1–2, 17

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



# LORD, I NEED YOU



1. - - - Lord, I come, - - - I con - fess, - - -  
2. Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where



bow - ing here, I find my rest.  
grace is found is where you are.



And with - out you, I fall a - part.  
And where you are, Lord, I am free.



You're the one that guides my heart.  
Ho - li - ness is Christ in me.

## CHORUS



Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev- 'ry hour I need you.



My one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; oh God, how I need you.

So teach my song to rise to you when temp-ta-tion comes my

way. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on you.

Je- sus, you`re my hope and \_\_\_ stay. And when I can-not stand, I'll fall on

*repeat chorus*  
you. Je- sus, you're my hope and \_\_\_ stay. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, I

## RESPONDING

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*We respond to God's word.*

† **Song of Response**      "Lord, I Need You"      (See music on previous page)

### **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**

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### **For Health**

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

### **For comfort for those who have lost loved ones**

Laurie Marsden (father, 6/25), Marty Lico (sister, 6/21), 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 governments and governing bodies of metropolitan Richmond: for the supervisors of Chesterfield County, the county administrator, and all county employees.

# I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

I'm gonna live so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna live so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna work so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna work so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me.

Anywhere, Lord, any time.

## SENDING

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*God sends us into the world as his witnesses.*

† **Song of Commission**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"  
(See words on previous page)

† **Commission and Benediction**

Luke 12:32–34

Leader: Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid, little flock,  
for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

**People: "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.**

**Everyone: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."**

† **Postlude**  
**(11:15 service only)**

"The God of Abraham Praise"  
Michael Burkhardt

Jeff Hummel

## SERVICE NOTES

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**Today's flowers** are given in honor of Adam and Mary, who are seeking to communicate the good news of Jesus to a people group that has never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Today we celebrate the birth** of Samuel James Beabout, born on June 18, 2018 to Mike and Kristi Beabout and big sister Bethany.

**Today we welcome the interns from the Urban Songwriting Internship**, a program hosted in collaboration between Arrabon and East End Fellowship. The program develops young and diverse leaders in the church to use their gifts to create new worship songs contextualized for the urban context. During their 8 weeks in Richmond, the Urban Songwriting Interns are disciplined to integrate their faith, giftings, and vocation to serve the church and to create new culture that impacts the city and beyond. To learn more and to hear their music, visit: [urbandoxology.com](http://urbandoxology.com).

### **Congregational Prayer Night – Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Join us on July 19 for an important time of prayer together as a congregation. Jesus tells us that there is something significant that God does among us when we come together and agree in his name (Matt. 18:19-20). God's presence and his action are promises that make corporate prayer unique. The word "agree" is the word for "symphony" – unique voices blending together. We hope you will commit that time to join together in prayer. For those of you who cannot make it here that evening, we will publish our prayer guide on our website. Contact Kathy White to reserve childcare: [kathyw@thirdrva.org](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org).

### **Serve With Our Family Ministry!**

We need your help serving our little ones! We're looking for specific help in the following roles: preschool teacher, twice-a-month helpers in our 3-year-old through kindergarten classes, craft helper in 4-year-old and kindergarten classes, and one other twice-a-month lead teacher for 3rd grade. Ready to be a part of the team? Contact Kathy White ([kathyw@thirdrva.org](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org)) or Tracie Meadows ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org)).

### **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 favorite worship songs. 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](http://thirdrva.org/hymnals).

### **Meet Our Mission Partners: Adam and Mary – Monday, July 16, 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room**

Adam and Mary serve with Pioneers and are on furlough in the States. Their ministry focuses on developing relationships with unreached minority people groups in their East Asian city. Adam and Mary will be in the courtyard today to greet people in between services and you can also join them at the Mission Committee meeting Monday night, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at 500 Forest Ave.

### **Urban Doxology Gala: Fête Royale – Saturday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Join Arrabon for their annual gala to support the Urban Doxology Songwriting Internship. Enjoy a royal celebration of the kingdom of heaven in you. This night includes dinner, a show with Urban Doxology and an opportunity to support the eighth class of interns. Learn more and purchase tickets: [urbandoxology.com/gala](http://urbandoxology.com/gala).

### **Trip to India With Inspire International – September 23 – October 6**

David Singh, through Inspire International, a Third mission partner, is leading a trip to India where they'll visit two areas where they have ongoing projects and meet with people involved in indigenous church planting movements. If you're interested in seeing what God is doing through this amazing ministry, please contact LJ ([lj@thirdrva.org](mailto:lj@thirdrva.org)). Partial scholarships may be available and the mission department can assist in raising funds.

## SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

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### **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

For more information or questions about our Sunday school classes, contact Derek Mondeau at [derekm@thirdrva.org](mailto:derekm@thirdrva.org), or visit [thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship](http://thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship).

*Childcare is available for children aged Kindergarten and younger.*

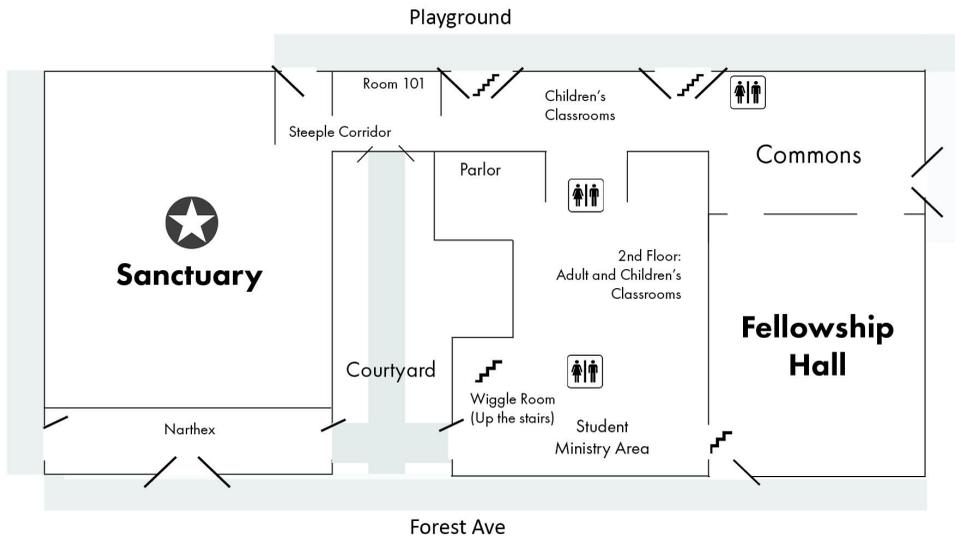
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – SUNDAY MORNING

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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](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org)) or Tracie Meadows ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org)).



# STUDENT MINISTRY

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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](mailto:andrew@thirdrva.org)).

## *THIS WEEK AT THIRD*

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### **Sunday, July 15**

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Core Leader Training – Room 217  
1:00 p.m. Adult Education Summit – Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.

### **Monday, July 16**

5:00 p.m. CCTC board meeting – Room 101  
7:00 p.m. CCTC – Bonhoeffer Room, 500 Forest Ave.  
7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

### **Wednesday, July 18**

6:00 a.m. CMDA Meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.  
6:30 p.m. Freedom Road – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.  
7:00 p.m. Women's Summer Study – Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, July 19**

10:30 a.m. Women's Ministry monthly leadership – Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Healing Prayer Group – Student Ministry Area  
7:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer Gathering – Sanctuary

### **Friday, July 20**

5:30 p.m. Al Anon – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

## Contact Our Session

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The past few years have been a season of growth and change for our congregation. Knowing this, we as a Session (the governing elders along with the called pastors of Third), want to hear from you, our church family. Do you have stories of encouragement to share? Or places of confusion or concern? Please reach out to us (info below) to talk with us directly. We look forward to speaking with you.

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Corey Widmer ..... on sabbatical

Rick Hutton..... on sabbatical

Andrew Fuller ..... abroad for summer

# WELCOME TO THIRD

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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](http://thirdrva.org)) and sign up for our **ministry emails** ([thirdrva.org/signup](http://thirdrva.org/signup)). You can also pick up a copy of **Third Press**, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

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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

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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](http://thirdrva.org/parish-life).