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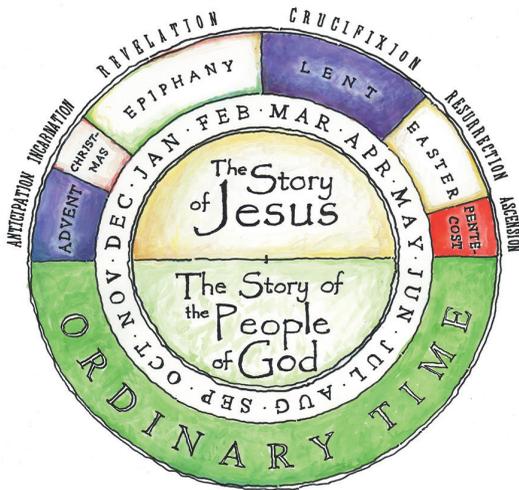
a faith that
matters

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

“We differ from one another in temperament, personality, education, color, culture, citizenship, language and in a host of other ways. Thank God we do. The church is a wonderfully inclusive fellowship, in which ‘there is no Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female’ (Gal. 3:28). In other words, in Christ we have equality.”

JOHN STOTT

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.

We are in 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

“Fantasia on ‘A Mighty Fortress Is Our God’”
(Jan Zwart)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

People: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

Silent Preparation for Worship

Let’s quiet our hearts in preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

Leader: The God of creation makes us one in body!

People: **Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**

Leader: The God of Christ makes us one in spirit!

People: **Let us join hearts in praise of the Lord!**

Prayer of Adoration

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

GATHERING

† Song of Praise

“Let It Rise”

Words below

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.

O let it rise! O let it rise!

Let the Spirit of the Lord rise among us. Let the Spirit of the Lord rise among us.
Let the fire of his love rise among us, let it rise.

Let your glory, O Lord, rise among us. May your Spirit of truth dwell within us.
Let the pow’r of your love change and heal us, let it rise.

† Song of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#575 in the Hymnal

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Across the barriers that divide race from race:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Leader: Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Leader: Across the barriers that divide men and women:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Leader: Across the barriers that divide young and old:

People: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Everyone: Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife; remove from us all senses of superiority. Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From 1 Peter 2:9–10

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

People: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

Leader: People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

Everyone: In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God!

THANKSGIVING

† 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."

Our Offerings

Pray for Andrew and Jessie Foster as they minister and engage university students living and studying in Granada, Spain with the gospel.

Noisy Offering (8:45 and 10:00 a.m. services)

(Please read more about the noisy offering on page 16 and how your family can participate.)

Offertory

"Elijah Song"

Words on page 7

† 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.***

ELIJAH SONG

Hearts are filled with grief, so many tears are shed.
Families still weep from words our fathers said.
Broken at the seams from where our brothers bled.
This tension makes us weak, in need of living bread.

Divided, led by our bias, misguided.
Everybody's looking out for number one,
Fighting to be seen and heard.

*(O Church, please) Come out from hiding.
The journey set before us is so long.
Have we forgotten who our God is?
Arise and eat, you'll need the strength to run.
Arise and eat, you'll need the strength to run.*

Fueled by our belief that we have done no wrong.
Avoiding any grief, to make ourselves feel strong.
Still we cannot see the error of our ways.
Surrounded by the lies we made, in apathy we stay.

Divided, led by our bias, misguided.
Searching for a little light to make it plain,
Trying not to lose our faith.

Throw off your guilt, throw off your shame.
Know that your labor will not be in vain.
Fight through the tears, fight through the pain.
Take up your crosses for the glory of his name.

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

James 2:1–13

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,

¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father,
you have made us in your image and for yourself.
You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home.
God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.
By his Incarnation—

People: You have found us.

Leader: By his Death—

People: You have forgiven us.

Leader: By his Resurrection—

People: You have freed us.

Leader: God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

RESPONDING

Leader: In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

From 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—

**People: One with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in mission to all the world,**

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
We cry, Maranatha!

People: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

RESPONDING

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us.

We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer of Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

RESPONDING

Communion Song

"Peace, Be Still"

Words below

Engulfed in your presence,
Peace, be still.
When we sit in your purpose,
We fall deep in your will.

We've come to search and know your heart.
It's your nearness that makes sense of us.

So we lift up your name
And you draw us into you,
Into you.

Your fullness, God,
Where we were made to be.
All flesh shall come,
Exalting you as King.

We love you.
You are the One that our hearts adore.
We want you.
You are the One that our hearts adore.
We need you.
You are the One that our hearts adore.
We praise you.
You are the One that our hearts adore.

RESPONDING

The Lord's Prayer

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 Gregory, David Hacker, Ruth Ann Blakely, Julie Walden, Stephanie Brooks, Mary Ann Hancock, Frances Eichost, Christie Geraty, Elva White, Milton Jones, Strick Smith, Betty Cox, Brad Bishop, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones: Anne Allen (6/15); Amy Grigg (father, 6/12); Marjorie Parker (4/16); Pam Douglas (father, 4/22); Ken Newsome (father, 4/16); Bonnie Smith (husband Marc, 4/8)

For Metro Richmond: We pray for governments and governing bodies of metropolitan Richmond: for the mayor and City Council of Richmond, the chief administrative officer, and all city employees.

For our team serving in Haiti, July 13–20: Shelley and Gary Craft; Katherine Fitch; Susie Flowers; Steve Gravely; Tamara, Stephen, Justin and Randall Ingram; Ron Klipp; Rob, Kim, James, Hannah and Grace Lesniak; Doug Ludeman; Jen, Billy and Ellie Martin (Jen and Billy are trip leaders); Tom Meeks; Lanie and Talia Moore; Mac Myers; Katherine, Chris, Kaitlyn and Lauren Nott; Robbie Patterson and Rett (Margaret) Patterson; Cullen Rivers; Melanie Sayre; Ainsley and Katy Shonka; Dave and Judy Skove; Arlene Terry; Taylor Tinsley.

SENDING

† Song of Commission

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together. “We will feast and weep no more.”

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn: my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

† Commission and Benediction

From 1 John 4:10–12

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**People: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
(Gordon Young)

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of Anne Bonsack's 100th birthday on July 6.

Today we celebrate the birth of Asher James Kumar Avula, born on June 28 to Danielle and Jon Avula.

Noisy Offering (8:45 and 10:00 a.m. services): During the 8:45 and 10:00 a.m. services this summer, our noisy offering gives children (4 year olds through current kindergartners) a chance to worship alongside their families for the beginning of the service, then leave to go upstairs for a Bible lesson and worship time with their age group. They may also choose to stay in the service with their families. Children will walk with Mrs. White to Room 223 (4 year olds) and Room 204 (5 year olds and kindergartners), where they can be picked up after the service. **Please note:** To participate in the pull-out, parents need to check in their child at the parlor before the service and receive a name tag.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, July 14, at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving changes in call for pastors Corey Widmer, Ed Satterfield, and Rick Hutton. Our by-laws require congregational approval for these increases in salary. Please make plans to attend what we expect to be a very brief meeting.

NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Worship Initiative: Our Summer Experiment Continues Next Week

This is an experimental worship service in which designated parish areas are encouraged to attend and worship with those in their parish area communities. We're exploring new ways to open up more space in our Sanctuary, and also to deepen the culture of parish life in our church by gathering together in a dynamic way. If you live in the Northwest, City East or Chesterfield parish areas, join us next Sunday, July 14, at 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Summer Study: Wednesday evenings, July 10 – August 14

Last chance to sign up to join women of all ages for an engaging 6-week study of lesser-known passages of scripture that will challenge and encourage us. Each week is stand-alone, so don't worry if you miss a week. Come for rich fellowship with other women at Third and bring your friends as we seek God in his word. Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, July 10 – August 14. Sign up: thirdrva.org/events.

Wild and Wonder-ful: God and Nature camp for preschoolers and kindergartners!

This is a special offering for children who will be 4 by September 30 through rising 1st grade. This camp is designed for children to begin the process of developing a biblical worldview—to discover the amazing and creative God we have while exploring nature! We'll meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – noon, July 24, 31, and August 7, 14. More info and to sign up: thirdrva.org/events.

Christmas in July: Families in Service – July 19, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join our Family Ministry to eat pizza, watch the movie *The Grinch* (2018), and do a service project with Third's Forgotten No More ministry that will bless the organization Worthdays. We will also share information about how Worthdays helps children in foster care celebrate their birthdays. We'll have food, popcorn, a hot cocoa bar, and lots of fun. Learn more and RSVP: thirdrva.org/events.

Help needed for monthly missions lunches!

Every third Sunday of the month, we host one of our 85+ mission partners here at Third. We interview them during our services, then host them for lunch. These lunches are a great time to engage with our mission partners and learn more about their ministries. We are currently looking for an individual who would be interested in catering the lunches (purchasing food and preparing a lunch for a group). It is easy and fun! If you have experience and are interested, please contact Rebecca Hatton: rebeccah@thirdrva.org.

FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRY

In the summer, we encourage families to worship together in the Sanctuary, as we believe that it's important to learn—even from a young age—to worship with your whole church community. Then join us during the 10:00 hour for our intergenerational class in the Fellowship Hall, "My House in Mission." More information about this class can be found on the following page.

Nursery care is still available during all services for children aged Kindergarten and younger.

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds

First Floor

Young 3s–Kindergarten

Second Floor

SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us this week for one of our Sunday school class opportunities. All of our classes meet at 10:00 a.m. (locations are listed below). Visit thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship for full descriptions about each class.

Delta: Young Adult Community and Conversation

Room 217

Led by Drew Cleveland

Are you in your 20–30s and looking for a place to connect and grow at Third? Join us on Sunday mornings for coffee, snacks, conversation and teaching.

My House in Mission: A 7-week intergenerational class

*Fellowship Hall | Led by LJ Jaworski
and Donald Marsden*

No matter your age or stage, from kindergarten to senior adults, your house can be a place where God’s mission is at the center. Join us for this seven-week intergenerational Sunday school class in which, together with some of our mission partners, we’ll explore the practices of hearing God’s word, prayer, hospitality, generosity, networking, and reaching out in the name of Jesus from our homes. This class is open to all in the church, and children kindergarten and older are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Questions about our Sunday school classes? Contact Derek Mondeau: derekm@thirdrva.org.

WELCOME!

¡Bienvenido! 欢迎! مرحباً Добро пожаловать!

We're so glad you're here.

1. CONNECT WITH US

If you're new with us, we'd love to get to know you. Fill out one of the Connect Cards in front of you, drop it in the offering, and we'll be in touch.

2. LEARN ABOUT THIRD

Visit our website (thirdrva.org), sign up for our ministry emails (thirdrva.org/signup), and pick up a copy of Third Press, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

3. FIND COMMUNITY

Our parish groups provide the opportunity for each person at Third to grow in our relationship with God, build authentic community, love our actual neighbors and bless our city. Find a group meeting near you at thirdrva.org/parish-life.