



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

THE CALL
OF THE KING

Sunday | April 17, 2016

LISTEN TO THE SON

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Our pleasure and our duty,
Though opposite before;
Since we have seen his beauty,
Are joined to part no more."

John Newton

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.*

*Third Church exists to spread the gospel and seek
the Shalom of metro Richmond and the world through
a movement of communities and congregations,
welcoming people of all cultures to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"—Jeff Hummel
(Paul Laubengayer)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

From Psalm 46:10

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

Everyone: Amen

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

† Call to Worship

From Hebrews 1

Leader: Long ago God spoke through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

People: The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word!

Leader: After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

People: His Kingdom is forever and ever!

Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – #95 in the Hymnal

† "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
(See music on following page.)

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

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Song of Confession

"By Thy Mercy"



1. Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry, bend from Heav'n Thy
2. From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness, From the hard - 'ning
3. When the world a - round is smil - ing, in the time of
4. In the so - lemn hour of dy - ing, in the aw - ful



gra - cious ear; while our wait - ing souls a -
pow'r of sin; from all ma - lice and un -
wealth and ease, earth - ly joys our hearts be -
judg - ment day, may our souls, on Thee re -



dore Thee, friend of help - less sin - ners, hear: _____
kind - ness, from the pride that lurks with - in: _____
guil - ing, in the day of health and peace, _____
-ly - ing, find Thee still our Rock and Stay: _____



By Thy mer - cy, _____ O de - liv - er us, _____ good Lord, _____



_____ good Lord. _____ By Thy mer - cy, _____ O de -



liv - er us, _____ good Lord, _____ good Lord. _____

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; the new life has begun! Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Everyone: Amen!

† **Greeting of Peace**

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Myrna McLaughlin with Least of these Ministries as she extends the gospel and God's care based in Zimbabwe.

Musical Offering

8:45 and 11:15 am. Services

"Man of Sorrows" – Sanctuary Choir
(Larson)

Surely He has borne our griefs.
Surely he has borne our sorrows.
He was wounded for us, and rejected for us.
The chastisement of our sin was placed on Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs.
Surely he has borne our sorrows.
He was chosen for us; alone, He stands there for us.
The sins of all the world were placed on Him.

All we like sheep have gone astray, we've turned to our own way,
Yet by His stripes we have been healed.
Messiah, holy Lamb of God, Redeemer full of love,
Rejected Man of sorrows.

"Man of Sorrows," what a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Surely He has borne our griefs.

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM



1. Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts a - gain; in -
2. We seek Your king - dom first, we hun - ger and we thirst; re -
3. Un - leash Your king - dom's pow'r to reach the near and far; no



crease in us we pray; un - veil why we're made; come set our hearts a -
fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To see the cap - tives'
force of hell can stop Your beau - ty chang - ing hearts. You made us for much



blaze with hope like wild - fire in our ve - ry souls. Ho - ly Spi - rit
hearts re - leased, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace; we lay down our
more than this, a - wake the king - dom seed in us; fill us with the



come in - vade us now. We are Your
lives for hea - ven's cause. We are Your
strength and love of Christ. We are Your

sing refrain after verses 2 & 3



church, we need Your pow'r in us.
church, we pray re - vive this earth.
church, You are the hope on earth.

refrain



Build Your king - dom here, let the dark - ness fear,



show Your migh - ty hand, heal our streets and land;



Set Your church on fire, win Your peop - le back;



Change the at - mos - phere, build Your king - dom here, we pray.

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-37

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Gloria Patri" – #807 in the Hymnal

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd C.; Music: Christoph Meineke, 1844

Joining of New Covenant Partners

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Father God, we thank you for each person that has joined our covenant community today. We pray for each of them, that they would grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, that they would form deep relationships of love within our body, and that you would equip them to participate in your mission to renew all things. Bless them richly we pray!
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the revelation of the glory of God and the glorious King of creation. May each of us come to see your glory more and more, listen to your voice every day, and follow you wherever you lead.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, fill and empower the church of Central and South America to bear witness to the grace of Jesus and to work for his Kingdom amidst great social and economic challenges. We especially pray today for our brothers and sisters in Belize, for fruitful partnerships, for clarity amidst spiritual confusion, and for effectiveness in sharing the gospel.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly 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

Bill Sumpter, Christie Geraty, Dru Fitch, Catherine "Cat" Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Susan Godfrey, Mark Koontz, Nancy Cunningham, Joe and June Keller, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Eileen Raynor, Pam Padgett, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt, Celeste Reynolds, Gretchen Gravely, Pam Rambo

For Comfort

Deaths – Carolyn Rennie (brother, 4/9), Cheryl Richardson (sister, 4/2), Christi Hancock (nephew, 4/2), Ann Tate (brother-in-law, 3/29), John Dean, Gayle Mellis, Jessica Cochrane (wife, mother and grandmother June Dean, 3/7), Ann Kooiman (grandson, 3/5), Jack Martin (brother, 3/2)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the healing of metropolitan Richmond: for the sick and those on our hearts; for the welfare of all of our citizens; for the establishment of God's order in our community; and for peace.

For Our Nation and the World – Belize

Belize is a small Caribbean nation located in Central America and bounded by Guatemala and Mexico. It has a population of 350,000 and is the only country in Central America whose official language is English. The spectacular Belize Barrier Reef is a series of coral reefs straddling the coast of Belize, and is the major reason tourism has grown there.

According to the 2010 census 40.1% of Belizeans are Roman Catholics, and 31.8% are Protestants (8.4% Pentecostal; 5.4% Adventist; 4.7% Anglican; 3.7% Mennonite; 3.6% Baptist; 2.9% Methodist; and 2.8% Nazarene).

- Pray for the strengthening of the Church's witness in Belize. Some residents mix superstition with their Christian practices. Pray for spiritual confusion to be overcome.
- Many mission trips focus on Belize (Third sent teams in 1984 and 1987). Pray for fruitful partnerships and a stronger national church.
- Pray for the less-reached indigenous peoples (Maya, Garifuna, Chinese and Indians) to come to faith in Christ.

Missionary Prayer and Care groups meet monthly to pray for our mission partners in Europe, Asia and the Muslim world. Contact Carolyn Oakley (cdoakley1@gmail.com/937-6564) to learn more. *The Asia prayer and care group for Monday, April 25 has been cancelled.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"One Pure and Holy Passion"



Give me one pure and ho - ly pas - sion. Give me one mag-



ni - fi-cent ob-ses - sion. Je-sus, give me one glo-ri-ous_ am-



bi-tion for my life;_____ To know and fol-low hard___ af-ter You.____



To know and fol-low hard___ af-ter You.____ To



grow as Your dis-ci - ple in the truth.____ This world is



emp-ty, pale and poor___ com-pared to know-ing You, my Lord.



___ So lead me on,_____ and I will run___ af - ter You._____



___ Lead me on,_____ I will run___ af - ter You._____

† Commission

From Ephesians 1

Leader: Having seen the glory of Jesus, God is now sending us out to follow Him!
Now, may the eyes of your heart be opened,
that you may know the hope to which He has called you,
the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,
and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

**Everyone: We are his body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
Come, let us follow Him!**

† Benediction

Postlude
11:15 a.m. Service

"Fanfare" – Jeff Hummel
(Michael Helman)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given by Ron and Ann Klipp in memory of Juanita Klipp's birthday on March 27.

After the service, elders are available at the front left of the Sanctuary if you desire prayer for healing, for direction, to begin or renew your relationship with Jesus Christ, or for any other need.

Last Call! El Salvador Missions Trip

The El Salvador mission trip application/deposit is due April 18. Please call or email Tom Barila (trip leader) at tomb@thirdrva.org. Visit thirdrva.org/on-the-road for more info, or for what we did during our last trip, visit: thirdrva.org/el-salvador.

Last Call! Biblical Peacemaking Class – April 22-23 and 29-30, 500 Forest Ave.

This Peacemaking Course trains believers on how to live in peace in relationships with one another and in the world. The class takes place over the next two weekends, April 22-23, and 29-30, on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more info, visit thirdrva.org/events or contact Margie at RelationshipsInPeace.ThirdRVA@gmail.com.

The Psalms - A Film Screening on Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

A project by the Brehm Center at Fuller Seminary, we'll be screening a short film (directed by Nathan Clark) that features a conversation between Eugene Peterson and Bono, discussing the Psalms. After the film, we'll host a conversation about the themes that it raises.

Needle's Eye: Getting Real Series with Janice Allen and Dois Rosser

Getting Real is a series at local restaurants that features personal stories of tragedy, triumph, and the places in between. This month's speakers are Dois Rosser and Janice Rosser Allen of International Cooperating Ministries. The event is being held on April 20, 26, and 27. For times and locations, visit www.needleseye.org.

CrossOver Challenge – Saturday, April 30

Mark your calendar and join us at the 2016 CrossOver Challenge (15K Race, 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Fun Run) on Saturday, April 30th. All proceeds will benefit CrossOver Healthcare Ministry. To register for the race or to volunteer, please go to www.crossoverministry.org.

NEWS & EVENTS

Vacation Bible School – Registration Now Open!

VBS is a great opportunity for children to learn more about Jesus during a week of Bible exploration, games, crafts, and more! There are many volunteer opportunities for youth (rising 6th grade) through adults, too. Mark your calendars for June 27- July 1 and register today. Registration is required for all participants and volunteers. Learn more at www.thirdrva.org/vbs or email Tracie Meadows at traciem@thirdrva.org.

Club 56 Retreat – Friday and Saturday, May 6-7

5th and 6th grade students are invited to this annual retreat. Students will hear from a speaker, play games, eat together, and spend quiet time in God's word. Friends are welcome too! Participants must register online: thirdrva.org/registrations. Questions? Contact Tracie (traciem@thirdrva.org).

Relationships in Peace Ministry

If you are experiencing a relationship impasse or need someone to walk beside you through a difficult relational situation or conflict, please contact us. We're here to help. Visit www.thirdrva.org/partners/relationships-in-peace. For assistance: RelationshipsInPeace. thirdrva@gmail.com or call Margie Satterfield, (804) 819-0260.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Stop by the Fellowship Hall from 9:45–11:30 a.m. for Blanchard’s coffee, snacks, and an opportunity to meet folks at Third or learn more about getting involved.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Discipleship Fellowship Classes (10:00 –11:00 a.m.)

If you haven’t already, check out one of our classes to get plugged in and meet more folks at Third. All classes run from 10:00–11:00 a.m. throughout our main church building and our office building (next door, 500 Forest Ave.).

A Study of the Book of Luke

Room 213

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

Sermon Chat

Room 207

Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 209

The Spirituality of Brokenness

Love and spirituality in the healing of addictions.
500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

If you want more information, have any questions about the classes, or want to get in touch with the leaders, visit www.thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship, or contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Ministry: Join us each Sunday for food, great teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.

600 Forest Ave., Student Ministry Area

10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday Evening Ministry: Be a part of games, music and teaching and amazing small group community each Sunday night.

600 Forest Ave., Fellowship Hall and Basement

7:00-8:30 p.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

We welcome you to Third and want you to know that your children are precious to us! Our staff of both professional childcare workers and volunteers are here to serve your family in a safe, loving and Christ-centered environment.

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

10:00 a.m. service - Sunday school for children ages 2 and older. Nursery available for infants and toddlers. For details on all Sunday school class offerings, pick up the Winter and Spring class brochure found near the doors.

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. The service is streamed into Room 124 which is located in the connecting hall across from the toddler Room 105.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Prayer and Communion – Room 101

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary

Monday, April 18

5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Muslim world missionary and care group – meets at Laurie Chalifoux' home,
10801 Whitaker Woods Road, 23238, 740-1199

7:00 p.m. Trustees' meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

Tuesday, April 19

9:15 a.m. Weekly group “Breathe” – Room 213

9:30 a.m. Weekly morning Mothers Together group – Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Monthly dinner group – Kitchen, 500 Forest Avenue

7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal – Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Refresh group – Parlor

6:30 p.m. Club 56 – Basement

6:45 p.m. Alleluia choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Third Brass rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Praise band rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Needle’s Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue

10:00 a.m. Biblical Peacemaking class – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

5:00 p.m. That Great Dance – Fellowship Hall and various rooms

Saturday, April 23

9:00 a.m. Biblical Peacemaking class – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

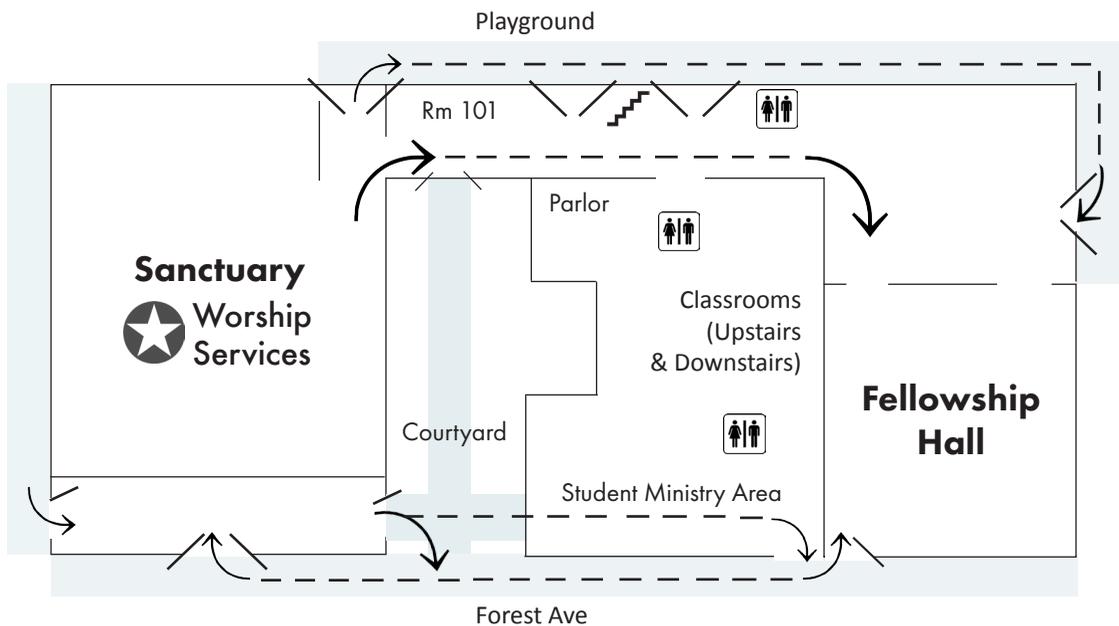
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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. We have a couple opportunities to connect with us, and help you find out more about Third.

- **Join us for a Welcome Coffee.** This monthly gathering is an opportunity to meet a few people and learn more about our community. They happen at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. The next Welcome Coffees is scheduled for May 1. Visit our website: thirdrva.org.
- Questions? Want to speak with someone? Contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org or by calling 282-6465.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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