



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

STORIES
OF THE KING

Sunday | August 14, 2016

*THE STORY OF THE SEED
AND LEAVEN*

"What an unspeakable comfort it is to know that in the midst of man's mischief, in the midst of his scheming and bad speculations, his shaping and misshaping, his activism and his failures, there is still another stream of events flowing silently on, that God is letting his seeds grow and achieving His ends."

Helmut Thielicke

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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
(arr. Diane Bish)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

From Habakkuk 2:20

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

Everyone: Amen!

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

Choral Call to Worship

"Sisi Kushangilia" (We Will Be Glad) Sanctuary Choir
Translation: *We will dance. We will sing. We will be glad.*

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 46:1-3, 11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam,
Let the mountains quake with their surging.

**People: The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

† Opening Prayer

† Songs of Praise

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – #130 in the Hymnal
"Good, Good Father"
(See music on pages 4 and 5)

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

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

GOOD, GOOD FATHER

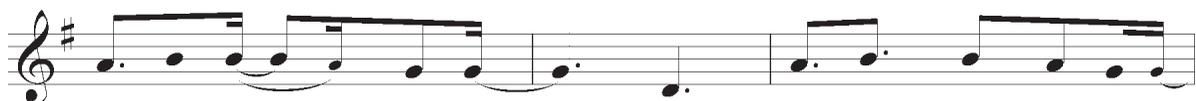
Verses 1 & 2



1. I've heard a thou - sand sto - ries of what they think You're like, but
2. I've seen man - y search - ing for an - swers far and wide, but

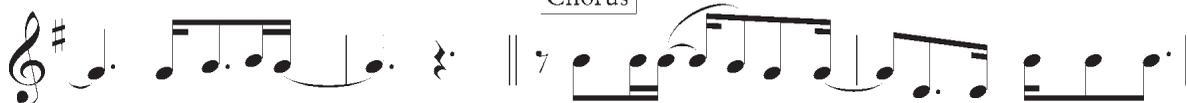


I've heard the ten - der whis - per of love in the
I know we're all search - ing for an - swers on - ly



dead of night. You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm
You provide. 'Cause You know just what we need be - fore

Chorus



nev - er a - lone.
we say a word.

You're a good, good Fa - ther; it's who You are,



it's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by You;



it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Song of Confession

"Psalm 32"

Antiphon

Bless- ed ___ are you ___ whose trans-gres-sion is ___ for -giv-
- en, whom the Lord has now made clean. ___ Bless- ed ___ are you
___ in whom the Lord counts no ___ sin, ___ where there
is no de - ceit. Bless-ed are you.

Antiphon

*Blessed are you whose transgression is forgiven,
whom the Lord has now made clean.*

*Blessed are you in whom the Lord counts no sin,
where there is no deceit.*

Blessed are you.

Leader:

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

Day and night your hand was heavy upon me,
but you forgave all my wrongs. **(Antiphon)**

Leader:

I confessed my transgressions to you, Lord,
 and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
 You are a hiding place for me
 surrounded by shouts of deliverance. **(Antiphon)**

Leader:

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
 but steadfast love surrounds those who trust him.
 Be glad in the Lord; rejoice, O righteous,
 and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. **(Antiphon)**

Silent Confession**† Words of Comfort and Assurance**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ!

Leader: 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.

People: Amen!

Celebration of Baptism

10:00 a.m. service

11:15 a.m. service

April Elise Speer
 Tyler Townsley Tuite, Jr.

Song

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you.
 And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Paul and Julie Ford as they seek to develop indigenous leaders through education, partnerships and mentoring first generation Christian leaders in central Asia, northwest Uganda, and Eastern Europe.

Musical Offering

"Hope in God" (Psalm 45 and 46)
Written and sung by Molly Evans

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you.
My soul thirsts for you, O God, as I seek for the living God.
These things I remember as I pour out my soul.

[Chorus] Hope in God, our Salvation
Hope in God, our Deliverer
The Alpha and Omega,
Beginning and the End.

Hope in God, our Foundation,
Hope in God, our mighty King,
All praise and glory be
To our Refuge and Strength.

Deep calls to deep, at the roar of the waterfalls.
All your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

These things I remember as I pour out my soul. [Chorus]

Send out your light and your truth. Let them lead me to you.
Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. [Chorus]

† 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

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:18-21

¹⁸ Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?" ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."

²⁰ Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?" ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Psalm 126"



1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"



Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.



Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!



Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing



the seeds of Your King - dom for the day You will reap



them! Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar -



ry! All those who sow weep - ing will



go out with songs of joy!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: God our Father, we praise you that your Kingdom is steadily advancing even when we cannot perceive it. Grant us faith to recognize it, power to participate in its advancement, and perseverance to endure to that final day when your Kingdom will come and make all things new.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, may your Kingdom come in the workplaces and businesses of metro Richmond. We pray for healthy work environments and attitudes, for servant leadership and civic responsibility, and for effective economic development efforts to make our city flourish. We pray for the unemployed and underemployed. We pray for Jobs for Life as it begins again here this Fall and for all those who will participate.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit of God, hold our world together. We pray today for Moldova, one of Europe's poorest countries. We pray for political stability and economic growth. We pray for unity and courage for the remaining Christians, and for those churches and ministries that are working to share the gospel. Holy Spirit, bring peace to Moldova, bring peace to Europe, bring peace to our world.
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

Jerry Ramsey, Francis Steadman, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Christie Geraty, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Eileen Raynor, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt, Celeste Reynolds, Pam Rambo

For Comfort

Deaths – Lillian Hazelton (father, 7/21), Amy and Sarah Helweg (husband and father, 7/20), Becca Payne (grandmother, 7/1), Paul White (mother, 6/20), Christina Brown (brother, 6/17), Pam Haney (mother, 6/9), Sunny Rosebro (mother, 6/6)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for financial institutions, healthy and constructive investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

For Our Nation and the World – Moldova

The failing economy of Moldova, one of Europe's poorest countries, can be attributed to little industry, political instability and a continued reliance upon Russia. One quarter of its population seeks work outside the country. Drug and alcohol abuse are prevalent.

- Poverty has caused many church leaders and pastors to leave Moldova. Pray that God will provide for and encourage the believers who remain.
- Pray for unity among the Orthodox Church and evangelicals to reach Muslim minorities, gypsies, and the Turkish Gagauz people group.
- Pray for campus ministries such as Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) as they share the gospel with college students and young adults, the next generation of Moldovans.

For Our Nation and the World – 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.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest—
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light—
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong—
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **Commission**

From 1 Corinthians 15:58

Leader: The Triune God is advancing his Kingdom silently and steadily,
and the day of hope and harvest is coming.
"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the
Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

† **Benediction**

Postlude

11:15 a.m. service

"Rigaudon"

(Andre Campra)

Jeff Hummel

If you would like prayer for any reason, two elders are available at the front of the Sanctuary (by the lectern) after each service. We invite you to come forward for any prayer needs you may have.

SERVICE NOTES

Today at the 10:00 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of April Elise Speer, daughter of Amy and Harry Speer. Relatives present are grandparents Lex and Kate Strickland and Barb and Steve Speer, great grandparents Mr. Paul Hessemer and Mrs. Virginia Speer and aunt Emily Speer. The elder representing the Session by holding the font is Lex Strickland. The prayer sponsor is Nancy Loyd.

Today at the 11:15 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Tyler Townsley Tuite, Jr., son of Ashley and Tyler Tuite. Relatives present are grandparents Bonnie and Branch Lawson and Robin and Tom Tuite. The elders representing the Session by holding the font are Val and Fritz Kling. The prayer sponsors are Dick and Janet Andrews.

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partners Paul and Julie Ford as they seek to develop indigenous leaders through education, partnerships and mentoring first generation Christian leaders in central Asia, northwest Uganda, and Eastern Europe.

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome Coffee – Sunday, August 21, 9:45 a.m., Parlor

If you're new to Third, come to this monthly gathering to meet a few people, learn about Third's vision, what we believe and how to get involved. Questions? Contact Beth Nichols: bethn@thirdrva.org.

Jobs for Life – Volunteers Needed!

We're kicking off our second class of Jobs for Life this September. Jobs for Life is a 12-week, biblically based and relationally centered jobs training program. Help is needed in mentoring, teaching, and providing childcare and meals. See our table in the Steeple Corridor for more info, or visit thirdrva.org/jobsforlife.

Explore God – Coming September 11!

Next month, we'll be partnering with local churches to implement a city-wide outreach program that invites the community to come and explore God in local churches over a 7-week period. The Explore God program involves sermons, videos, discussion groups, and more. Look for more info to come! For questions or to get involved, contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

Backpack Drive with the Christian Arabic Church – Picnic Next Saturday!

We're coordinating a collection of backpacks with the Christian Arabic Church for the immigrant and refugee families they serve. Bring backpacks (filled with school supplies) to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays in August by August 21. Next Saturday (August 20) we'll celebrate the end of the drive with a joint picnic with CAC at the CWC Pavilion. RSVP to the picnic and learn more: thirdrva.org/events.

Dinner 8's returns this Fall!

Want to meet more folks at Third over a good meal? With Dinner 8's, you're placed in a supper group that meets monthly from September through December. Dinners held in homes or restaurants. Sign up at thirdrva.org/registrations, or pick up a registration form at Third and put it in the offering plate. Questions? Allene Brown at allenedbrown@gmail.com or (804) 441-1668.

NEWS & EVENTS

John Rosemond Parenting Workshops – August 21-22

We're excited to be partnering with Hunter Country Day School to bring renowned speaker and parenting coach John Rosemond to Third for two special workshops. John will offer time-proven parenting principles along with practical help. To learn more about the workshops and to register (\$20 per person), visit: thirdrva.org/events.

Men's Annual \$5 Steak Night – August 29, 6:00 p.m., Pump Road Pavilion

Join the men of Third for our annual \$5 Steak Night event and the official kickoff of our fall season of men's ministry! All men are invited to join and invite others. If you've never been to a men's ministry event before, this is a great place to start. Sign up: thirdrva.org/events.

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

Our fellowship program is taking a sabbath from now through the end of the summer. We still encourage you to find fellowship around the building, grab coffee with friends, or walk to lunch. Use this time to meet new folks or catch up with friends you've missed over the summer.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

The month of August is a sabbath month from our discipleship classes. We'll resume all of our adult, children, and student ministry discipleship classes and events on Sunday, September 11. Look for more info to come!

STUDENT MINISTRY

The month of August is a sabbath month from our discipleship classes. We'll resume our Student Ministry Sunday morning discipleship classes, as well as Sunday evening Student Ministry events, on Sunday, September 11. Look for more info to come!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 a.m. services - Childcare available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

The month of August is a sabbath month from our discipleship classes. We'll resume all of our children's Sunday morning discipleship classes on Sunday, September 11.

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, August 14

- 8:00 a.m. Communion and Prayer – Room 101
- 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Care and Cards – Room 209

Monday, August 15

- 7:00 p.m. Muslim prayer group meeting - at Laurie Chalifoux' home,
10801 Whitaker Woods Road, 23238, 740-1199

Tuesday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 17

- 6:30 p.m. Refresh group – Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Women's summer study – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 18

- 7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Friday, August 19

- 8:30 a.m. Europe prayer group meeting – at Carolyn Oakley's home, 2710 Old Point Dr.,
23233, 937-6564
- 12:00 p.m. Day by Dayers group meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- 5:00 p.m. Foster/Mullen wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Healing prayer rooms – Student Ministry area

Saturday, August 20

- 4:00 p.m. Foster/Mullen wedding – Sanctuary

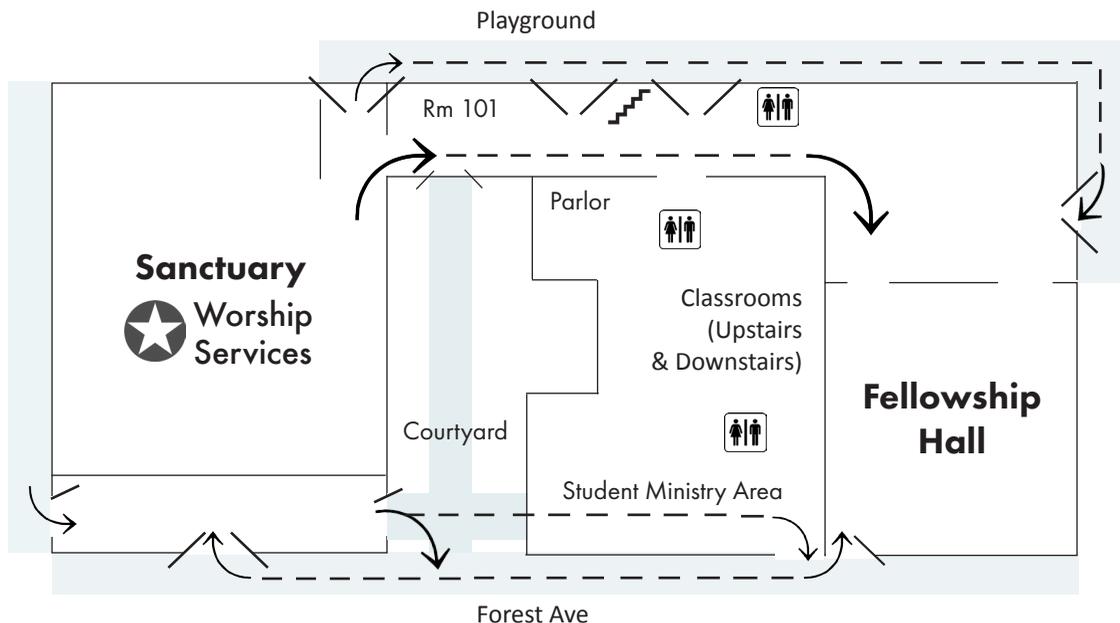
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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 for you to connect with us and help you find out more about Third.

- **Sign up for emails:** thirdrva.org/signup
- **Pick up Third Press:** our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva
- **Join us for a Welcome Coffee:** Start here to learn more about Third. The next Welcome Coffee is Sunday, August 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

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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