

Third CHURCH

Sunday | August 23, 2015

The **SHAPE** *of* **WORSHIP**
The formational power of Christian worship

"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning
of an uprising against the disorder of the world."

Karl Barth

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

Leader: Let us remember in silence that we are in the holy presence of God.

All: Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;

All: And also with you.

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you?

All: Majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders!

† Opening Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” – #2 in the hymnal

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 97

Leader: You, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

People: You are exalted far above all gods.

Leader: The Lord loves those who hate evil;

People: He guards the lives of his faithful.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,

People: And joy for the upright in heart.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

People: And give thanks to his holy name!

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

† **Prayer of Adoration**

† **Songs of Praise**

10:00 and 11:15

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

“Our Great God”

(See music on following pages.)

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur round Thee, earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bles sing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther, all who live in love are Thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
Sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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 un - i - verse

They raise their voices day and night____
 Rise up, O Lord, and he____ will flee____
 Sing praises to the liv - ing God____

in praise to You a - lone____
 be - fore our sov - 'reign____ God.
 who rules them by His____ Word.

REFRAIN

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.

Confession

From Madeleine L'Engle

All:

**Temper my intemperance, O Lord,
O hallowed, O adored,
My heart's creator, mighty, wild,
Temper thy untempered child.**

**Blaze my eye and blast my ear,
Let me never fear to fear,
Nor forget what I have heard,
Even your voice, my Lord.
Even your Word.**

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: May the Lord our God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness, forgive your iniquity, and grant you everlasting life.

All: Amen

Sacrament of Baptism

8:45 service

Lyric and Jeff Hassler bring their daughters Renata and Annora for Christian baptism. They are joined by Elder and prayer sponsor Mark Sprinkle and prayer sponsors Beth Sprinkle and Tracie, Mark, Peyton and Liam Meadows.

To the parents of the candidates:

Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation as you do your own?

Do you renounce evil and now unreservedly promise in humble reliance upon God's grace, to set before your child an example of the new life in Christ?

Do you declare your intention to participate actively in the worship, life, and mission of the church?

Do you promise to pray with and for her and to bring her up in the knowledge and love of God?

To the congregation:

Do you, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of this child, so that in due time she may confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

Song

8:45 service

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
(See music on following page.)

† Greeting of Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you,

This system of music is written in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'The Lord bless you and keep you,' are written below the treble staff.

the Lord make His face shine up - on you.

This system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'the Lord make His face shine up - on you.' are written below the treble staff. A long horizontal line under 'on' indicates a sustained note.

And give you peace, and give you peace.

This system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'And give you peace, and give you peace.' are written below the treble staff.

and give you peace_ for - ev - er.

This system concludes the piece. The lyrics 'and give you peace_ for - ev - er.' are written below the treble staff. A long horizontal line under 'peace_' indicates a sustained note, and a final double bar line is present at the end of the system.

THANKSGIVING

We give to the Lord in gratitude for what he has done for us.

Our Offerings

1 Chronicles 29:14

Leader: All things come from you, O Lord;

People: And of your own we have given you.

Pray for new partner Eric and Brittany (Newell) Lipscomb, working on the campus of Columbia University, NY, gathering a community to know and grow to maturity in a relationship with Jesus Christ, that Christ might influence every area of life.

Musical Offering

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” – Sanctuary Choir
(John Rutter)

8:45 and 11:15 services

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow’r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them ev’ry one.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Musical Offering

10:00 Service

"Kadosh" – Arielle Swarr
Traditional Hebrew Song

Verse in Hebrew:

Kadosh kadosh kadosh
Kadosh kadosh kadosh
Adonai Elohim tz'va'ot
Adonai Elohim tz'va'ot

Verse in English:

Holy, holy, holy!
Holy, holy, holy!
O Lord, our God, Lord of Hosts!
O Lord, our God, Lord of Hosts!

Chorus in English:

Who was and Who is and Who is to come!
Who was and Who is and Who is to come!

Chorus in Hebrew:

Asher hayah v'hoveh v'yavo
Asher hayah v'hoveh v'yavo

† 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 Readings

2 Kings 19:15-19

¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: "Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. ¹⁶ Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.

¹⁷ "It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands.

¹⁸ They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. ¹⁹ Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

10:00 and 11:15 Services

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – #45 in the hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Father of mercy, thank you that Jesus has opened the way for us! Keep us this week in a posture of total dependence on you and your mercy. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of love, make us into a praying people. Give us a desire and passion for prayer, and keep us persistent in prayer for our church, our city, our world.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of mercy, we pray for the impoverished and the economically depressed portions of our city. Give compassion and creativity for wise economic development, for new jobs and opportunities for many in our region.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

We invite anyone to add their own intercessions at this time, ending with, "For this, O Lord, we pray" and all responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Lou Hanscom, Fred Whitten, Gene Cox, Carol Holt, Gipsie Rodrigues, Merle James, Celeste Reynolds, Gretchen Gravely, Betty and Joe Cox, Pam Rambo, Mary Howard, Jared Armistead

For Comfort

Deaths – Kay Martine (husband, 8/18), Mason and Jean Robinson, Stephen Robinson and Danita Harper (son and brother, Greg Robinson, 8/7), Kate Mendez (grandfather, 7/23), Robin Davia (father, 7/12), Courtney Frederick (7/14), Audrey Campbell (6/26), Michael Henley (mother, 6/25), John Vogel (sister, 6/21), Becky Wetzel (brother, 6/15), Betsy Pollard (grandmother, 6/12), Mary Lou Laird (6/8), Chip Buehler (mother, 6/6)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of business that will create new employment opportunities.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – #60 in the hymnal

† **Commission**

From Romans 11

Leader: We have come together in gathered worship and now move out to scattered worship in the world. Sisters and brothers, whatever you face this week, be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. He who holds the universe also hears and answers your prayers through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: From him and through him and to him are all things! Thanks be to God!

† **Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction**

"Now Let Us Say Amen" – Sanctuary Choir
(Whalum)

† **Organ Postlude**

"Hymn to Joy" – Paul Honaker
(Travis)

SERVICE NOTES

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

After the 8:45 and 10:00 services, connect with others and make your way down to the Fellowship Hall together for a time of continued conversation. This will allow space for those waiting to enter for the next worship service.

Today at the 8:45 service we celebrate the baptism of Annora Grace Luthien and Renata Arwen Cecilia Hassler, daughters of Lyric and Jeff Hassler. Relative present today is grandmother Linda Tyner.

Today's flowers are given by Robert and Jeanne Temps in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary. Additional arrangement in memory of Roy Martine.

NEWS

Help with Sunday refreshments – We could use your help on one of two shifts each Sunday morning setting up refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to help at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a44aaa929a02-sunday.

Dinner 8's is returning this Fall! – Want to meet some more folks at Third in a fun and casual setting? Sign up for Dinner 8's. You will be placed in a supper group that will meet once a month for 3 months starting in September. Sign up at www.thirdrva.org, or pick up a registration form at Third and put it in the offering plate. Contact Allene Brown (allenedbrown@gmail.com or 441-1668).

Transportation needed for “non-driving” ladies who would like to attend an upcoming Ladies Small Group meeting at Third Church. They will meet once a month on the second Tuesday of every month beginning in September through May. Contact Barbara Satterfield (270-5183).

Come help us grow! STEP Richmond's Victory Reading program is moving to their new home in Gilpin Court's Calhoun Center. Painters and cleanup help are needed on August 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Third has been asked to contribute snacks for the workers. If you are willing to bring finger food to Third on Friday, August 28 before noontime, call Peggy Dennis (740-4229). To volunteer to paint or clean up, contact Ginger James (647-5348).

Jobs For Life Champions – Third is looking for mentor “Champions” for the Jobs for Life training this fall. JFL teaches job and life skills from a Christian perspective. Champions are critical to provide personal support in the training. To find out more about being a Champion, contact Ed Satterfield (282-4645 ext. 107) and join the Global Breakfast of Champions on Tuesday, September 1 in the Fellowship Hall with participants from STEP and others around the city. There will also be a live-streaming video from JFL headquarters. Register online at www.jobsforlife.org/events. Any questions, contact Tim Cole (timcole@steprichmond.org) or Jen Campbell (jen@wheless.com).

Newcomers Class, October 11, 16-17 – Interested in learning more about Third or would you like to consider membership? Join us in our next Newcomers Class where you will learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach. Childcare is provided with a reservation. Sign up online at www.thirdrva.org/membership or contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org or 282-4645, ext. 124).

EVENTS

For more information on classes, events and ministries, come to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-11:30 a.m., visit our website or find more information at kiosks throughout the building.

Tonight! Notre Maison Orphanage Fundraising Dinner – 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Mosaic Ministry is hosting a dinner to raise money to kick off a new nutrition program for children with special needs in Haiti. Contact: Charlotte Gage (382-0181).

Tomorrow! Men's \$5 steak night, Monday, August 24. This is a great time to connect with other men along with enjoying a delicious meal. Join us and hear what's coming up for 2015-16. Sign up online or email Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org) with your RSVP.

Evening of Prayer and Worship – We're starting off the Fall season as a community focused on the praise of our Redeemer and Healer. Join us at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, August 27, in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of praise and prayer.

Neighborhood Labor Day Party at Third – Join us for a neighborhood block party hosted by Third Church on Sunday, September 6 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the church grounds. As a part of our focus on mission, this is a good opportunity to reach out and engage with our community. So please help us invite anyone and everyone from the neighborhood. There will be food trucks, a petting zoo, live music, fellowship and information on our upcoming Fall season at Third. We will worship as usual at 8:45, 10, and 11:15 a.m. so our whole community can join in after worship. Come one, come all.

Mission Footprint 5K– On Saturday, September 12, Third Church is joining Trinity United Methodist and River Road Baptist in sponsoring the Mission Footprint 5K. The race begins and ends at Trinity and winds through our surrounding neighborhoods. There's a Fun Run for the kids before the 5K. All proceeds from the race go to support Camp Alkulana, CARITAS, CrossOver Ministry and the Micah Initiative. Sign up on our website.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome, Paul Sydnor! A partner of Third, the Sydnor family is in France with their ministry of activating local churches for ministry to refugees throughout Europe. Paul is the European Director of IAFR (International Association for Refugees) where he provides support and oversight for other missionaries who work with refugees, connects churches with refugees and refugee workers, researches refugee issues and travels for onsite assistance and evaluations.

Paul will be leading us in our **“Sermon Chat”** mini-series. Join us to chat about the biblical text used in the sermon, the preacher’s main themes, and areas for personal application. This is a comfortable environment for those who want to go deeper with the Bible text, ask questions, and meet new folks. We meet in Room 101 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for a cup of coffee and lively discussion.

Most of our adult discipleship classes are on “sabbath break” during August.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to visit. Nursery through kindergarten and younger will continue to take place during all three services. The Good News Class will continue to meet in Room 101. We are looking forward to our open house and Labor Day party where you’ll discover all the discipleship opportunities available for the Fall season.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Grades 7 - 12

Student Ministry Sunday School is taking a break for the month of August.

For more information on upcoming student ministry events and how you can get involved, contact Rick Hutton (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea Woie (andrea@thirdrva.org).

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 child care workers and volunteers are here to serve your family in a safe, loving and Christ-centered environment.

Children's Ministry is taking a break for the month of August. Children 1st grade and above will attend church with their families. Before or after the service, bring your children with you to the Fellowship Hall where you can all enjoy time getting to know your Third family. Classes will resume in September.

Nursery for Kindergarten and younger will continue to take place during all three services. There will be a short lesson for the children during the 10 a.m. hour. The Little Lambs class will continue their usual schedule of instruction at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendar for a Sunday School Open House on September 6, and Sunday School kick-off on September 13.

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 so you can hear the sermon while you nurse or play with your baby/toddler. Room 124 is located in the connecting hall across from the Toddler Room 105 leading to the Student Ministry area.

Please contact us if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Kathy White: kathyw@thirdrva.org. Tracie Meadows: traciem@thirdrva.org.

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, August 23

- 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Weekly refreshments – Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. AA – Rooms 213/215
- 5:30 p.m. Notre Maison Orphanage Fundraising Dinner – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Ministry Gathering – at Pump Road
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Arabic Church Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, August 24

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Steak Night – at Pump Road
- 7:00 p.m. Asia Prayer and Care Group – at the home of Dave and Judy Skove

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:00 a.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. The Book Group – Bonhoeffer Room at 500 Forest Avenue
- 6:20 p.m. Session Dinner – Kitchen at 500 Forest Avenue
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Multipurpose Room at 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

- 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise service – Sanctuary

Friday, August 28

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

BUDGET UPDATE

Did you know that historically about 20% of our annual giving is received in the month of December? And that 20% is also close to what we historically receive during the combined summer months of June, July and August.

Would you consider either additional giving or an acceleration of your planned year-end giving to help minimize the strain of the summer months on our budget? While we trust God to fully meet our annual needs this year just as he has in the past, a boost to summer giving would be a wonderful blessing.

Year-to-date giving through June 2015 is \$1,170,000: higher than 2014, but \$69,000 lower than year-to-date 2015 projections. Expenses through June 2015 are \$1,367,000. 32% of our spending is for mission partners and programs.

2015 Giving Plan

\$2,772,000

YTD Expenses
\$1,367,000 →

Budgeted YTD Giving
← \$1,239,000

YTD Giving
← \$1,170,000



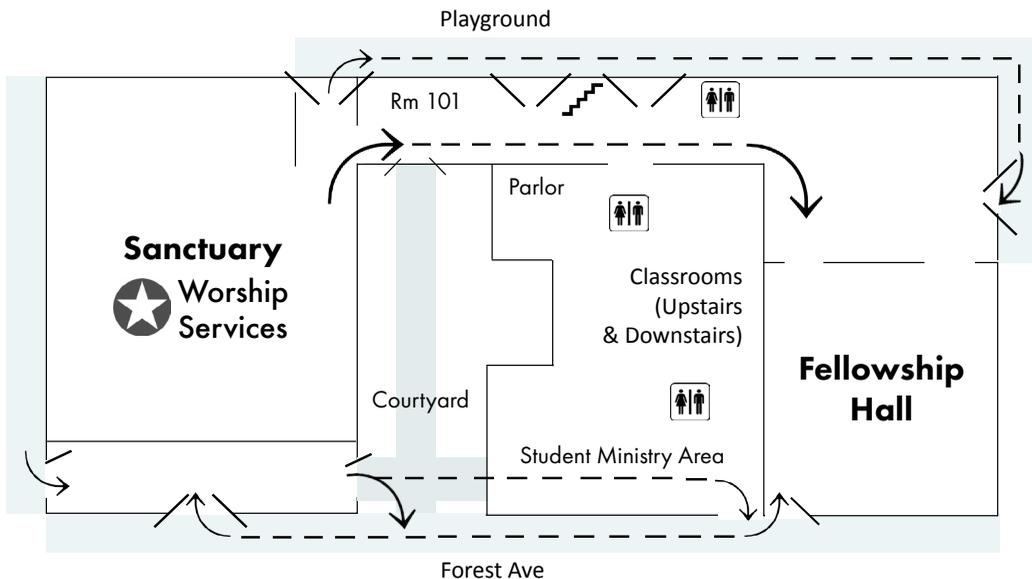
We give praise for God's grace, provision and generosity and invite you to pray that our financial gifts will sustain or even increase Third's ministry and mission at Forest Avenue, in Richmond and around the world. Your gifts have Kingdom impact.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! Visit www.thirdrva.org to learn more about the community and how you can connect. Worship preparation, sermon reflection notes, and sermon audio are posted weekly. You can also watch the sermon live on the "This Sunday" page. If you'd like to join a small group, find out how you can become a member, or find ways to serve, please contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter for community updates.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TODAY!

Our services are at 8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Join us for a short time of communion and prayer every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in Room 101. From 9:45-11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, stop by for a time of fellowship and refreshments, including Blanchard's coffee, in the Fellowship Hall.



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