



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

STORIES
OF THE KING

Sunday | August 7, 2016

*THE STORY OF
THE GREAT BANQUET*

"Worship in the presence of the Lord
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord.
And let our Host at table be adored.
God and man at table are sat down."

Robert Stamps

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

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

From Psalm 19:14

Leader: May the words of our mouths
And the meditations of our hearts
Be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Everyone: Amen!

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

† Call to Worship

From Isaiah 55:1-3

Leader: All who are thirsty—

People: Come to the water!

Leader: You who have no money—
come, buy and eat!

**People: Buy wine and milk,
without money, without price.**

Leader: Why spend your money on things that will not nourish you?

People: Why work for things that will leave you unsatisfied?

Leader: Listen to God, and you will eat well.

People: Come to the Lord—you will be richly fed!

† Opening Prayer

† Songs of Praise

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – #43 in the Hymnal
"Build Your Kingdom Here"
(See music on following pages)

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

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE



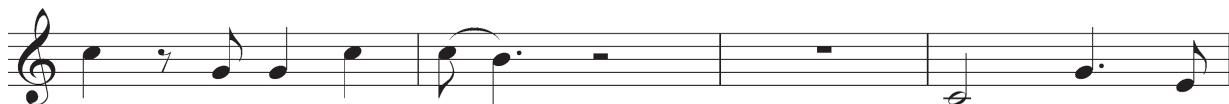
1. Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts a - gain; in -
 2. We seek Your king - dom first, we hun - ger and we thirst; re -
 3. Un - leash Your king - dom's pow'r to reach the near and far; no



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 peo - ple back;



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

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Song of Confession

"Break Us"

(Kelley McRae/Isaac Wardell)

When I stand in the presence of a holy God,
And I flee and I cover my face,
My heart filled with shame,
Yet You still call my name,
And You break me by the power of Your grace.

(refrain) Break us by the power of Your grace, O Lord,
Won't You break us by the power of Your grace.
Break us, remake us, don't let the sorrow take us;
O break us by the power of Your grace.

When I walk through the evil and strife of the earth
And I turn and I cover my eyes,
The arms that do violence
While our hearts watch in silence—
Won't you break them by the power of Your grace.

When my flesh, it shall fail, and my work here is done,
And the heavens and earth are remade,
Though I sowed here in sorrow
It will be glorious tomorrow.

Refrain

Break us___ by the power of Your grace, O Lord,___
break us___ by the power of Your grace.
Break us,___ re - make us,___ don't let the sor - row take___ us;___ O___
break us___ by the power of Your grace.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'Break us___ by the power of Your grace, O Lord,___'. The second staff continues with 'break us___ by the power of Your grace.'. The third staff contains 'Break us,___ re - make us,___ don't let the sor - row take___ us;___ O___'. The fourth staff concludes with 'break us___ by the power of Your grace.'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort and Assurance

From Isaiah 49:15

Leader: God says in the Scriptures: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you."

People Lord, thank you for your never-ending compassion and love.

Leader: God will not forget us. He forgives and makes us hear words of forgiveness. By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, all who confess their sin and turn to him for healing are forgiven.

People: Lord, thank you for not forgetting us but instead forgiving us of our sin.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Andrew Fuller with World Horizons and their efforts in pioneering, recruiting, equipping, and supporting evangelism and church planting to parts of the world where there is no church, particularly among Muslim peoples.

Musical Offerings

8:45 a.m. service

"Enemy of Death"
(Ron Klipp)

Sanctuary Choir

Now Jairus had a daughter, ailin' and a-fixin' to die.
He went and found him Jesus, as Jesus was a-passin' by.
But before He could get free o' the crowd, a man came up and said:
"Don't you bother the Teacher now. Your one and only daughter is dead."

(refrain) He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
To the dead He has said, "Rise up from your bed, take yourself a brand
new breath."
He's the Enemy o' Death, Enemy o' Death.
Oh, Death, meet the King: where is your sting?
Jesus is the Enemy o' Death.

Now Jesus said, "Stop your wailin'. Don't ya fret and don't ya weep."
Jesus had the nerve to say, "The child has only fallen asleep."
But they laughed at how He got it wrong; they thought He'd made a big mistake.
Then Jesus took her by the hand and said, "My child, awake!" (refrain)

We killed Him and we laid Him in the grave,
And Death won the battle, they say.
But Death could not contain the life He gave.
He rose up from the dead, and won the war that day! (refrain)

10:00 and 11:15 a.m. services

"Boxes"

Rebekah White

† 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 14:7-24

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.

¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

(continued ...)

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

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.

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

Leader: "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.

People: Amen!

Leader: We pray: *Maranatha*—

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

Leader: We pray the prayer which Christ has placed upon our lips—

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.

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 all baptized Christians who are 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.

Song of Response

"Eat This Bread"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry." and "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Francis Steadman, Betty Cox, James Hacker, Charles Ellison, Christie Geraty, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Eileen Raynor, John and 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 safe, respectful work environments, healthy work ethics and attitudes, and sufficient salary and benefits for all workers. For owners and managers: for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

For Our Nation and the World – The Summer Olympics

The Summer Olympics has begun and runs this month from August 5 to August 21. Over 200 national teams and 11,000 plus athletes will compete in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Praying for the Olympics (event, athletes, nations represented) bids us pray for the world and our country. These will be the first games to be held in a Portuguese-speaking country. The lead-up to these games has been marked by controversy: the Zika virus, Brazil's political instability, pollution in Guanabara Bay and the doping scandal involving Russian athletes. Pray for:

- The health of athletes, spectators, officials and Brazilians, especially in light of the Zika virus and the water-borne bacteria that may affect athletes competing in Rio's outdoor water events.
- Pray for the safety of all people visiting and living in Rio during these games. Drug trafficking, urban violence and international security concerns put the city at risk.
- Pray for Christians ministering to athletes and other guests. Pray for Gospel proclamation and ministries of mercy. Pray for a partnership between Brazilian and American Presbyterians doing outreach with Campus Crusade materials.
- Pray that God will bless Brazilian Christians in their work and witness around the world. Brazil sends out more cross-cultural missionaries than any other country except the USA. Editor's note: Third Church sent its first mission team to Rio and elsewhere in Brazil in 1982. Third sent teams to Brazil in 1986 and 1989 as well.

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** "Christ Is Coming! Let Creation" – #271 in the Hymnal

† **Commission**

Leader: The Master says, "Go out into the city streets and country alleys. Find all those who are homeless, hungry and in need of healing, and bring them in!" Sisters and brothers, let us bear the feast of God's grace to the world, extending his invitation of love to everyone.

People: Loving God, send us out in the power of Your name!

† **Benediction**

Postlude

11:15 a.m. service

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 11:15 a.m. service we celebrate the birth of Rebecca Noelle Allen, daughter of Lauralee and Will Allen. Noelle was born on August 2, 2016.

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Andrew Fuller with World Horizons. For their pioneering, recruiting, equipping, and supporting evangelism and church planting to parts of the world where there is no church, particularly among Muslim peoples.

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.

Backpack Drive With the Christian Arabic Church

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. We'll celebrate the end of the drive with a joint picnic with CAC on August 20 at the Community West Church pavilion. For more info: thirdrva.org/events.

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.

College Ministry: Summer Wrap-Up – Thursday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.

We'll be wrapping up our Summer College Ministry Series by talking through various resources and practices that can help you seek a comprehensive spiritual life on campus. Meet at 9009 Rio Grande Drive. Questions? Contact Tim Latham: timl@thirdrva.org.

Mosaic Ministry Pool Party – Sunday, August 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

It's the annual Mosaic Pool Party at the Wests' home (6 Lower Tuckahoe Road W.). Mosaic Ministry supports families with children who have special needs through events, Bible studies, chances to connect with other parents, and more. For the pool party, we'll provide ice cream, snacks and drinks. You bring your family ready to swim! RSVP by August 12 to Kathy White: kathyw@thirdrva.org.

NEWS & 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 pickup a registration form at Third and put it in the offering plate. Questions? Allene Brown at allenedbrown@gmail.com or (804) 441-1668.

Help Needed on Tech Team! Serve on Sunday Mornings

Have an interest in tech and looking to help out on a Sunday morning? We're actively looking for people to serve as part of a growing Tech Team, making sure everything goes smoothly and sounds great in the Sanctuary. If you're interested in being involved (no experience necessary, just be teachable!), please contact Alex Sawyer: alexs@thirdrva.org.

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.

Youth Life Foundation – Certified Teacher Opportunity

Youth Life Foundation operates community-based Learning Centers that develop leaders by making a long-term investment in children from at-risk communities. YLFR is currently seeking a certified teacher to focus on the individualized academic, character and spiritual development of elementary students enrolled in after-school and summer programs. Contact Katharine Hunt for more info: khunt@ylfr.org, (804) 514-8504.

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 7

8:00 a.m. Prayer – Room 101

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

12:30 p.m. Praying for our nation – Room 101

Monday, August 8

6:00 p.m. That Great Dance training – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Mission committee meeting – Upstairs conference room, 500 Forest Avenue

7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Room 101

Tuesday, August 9

7:00 p.m. Worship committee meeting – Parlor

Wednesday, August 10

7:00 p.m. Women's summer study – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 11

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 12

12:00 p.m. Day by Dayers – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

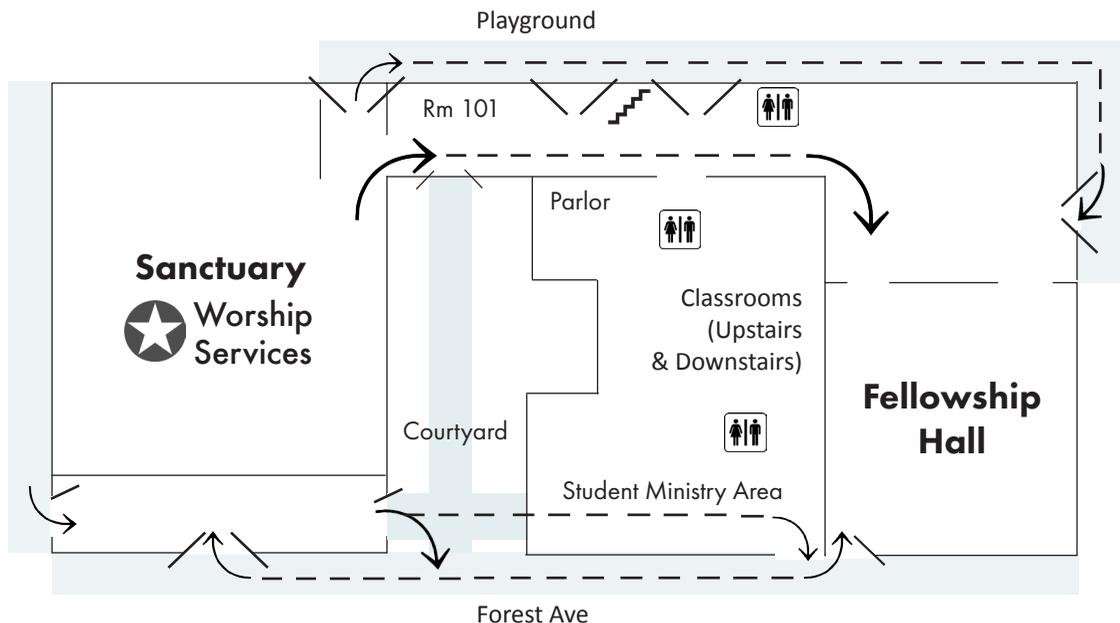
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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 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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