

Third CHURCH

Sunday | July 19, 2015

The **SHAPE** *of* **WORSHIP**

The formational power of Christian worship

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 4:10-11, NIV

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

† Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

Please stand.

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

† Opening Prayer

† Songs of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"Blessed Be Your Name"
(See music on following page.)

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

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Henry Jackson van Dyke, 1907

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824



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,
4. Mor-tals, join the hap - py chor - us, which the morn ing stars be - gan;



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!
Fa - ther love is reign-ing o'er us, bro - ther love binds man to man.



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;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



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.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Ev-ry bles-ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the dark-ness clo-ses in Lord, still I will say:

CHORUS

Bles-sed be the name of the Lord, bles-sed be Your name!

Bles-sed be the name of the Lord, bles-sed be Your

glo-ri-ous name!

BRIDGE

You give and take a-way, You give and take a-way, My

heart will choose to say Lord bles-sed be Your name You

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord God, we know that your word brings life, but we have not lived according to it.

People: Instead, we have lived in our sins and transgressions. We have done things that you have told us not to do, and we have not done things you have commanded us to do.

Leader: We have kept your word to ourselves, and we have ignored it and disregarded it.

All: We ask, in Jesus' name, for your forgiveness as we confess silently now.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

From Ephesians 2

Leader: Because of God's great love for us, he has made us alive in Christ Jesus!

People: It is by grace we have been saved!

Leader: May we praise the Lord for his amazing grace!

Song of Assurance

"Oceans – Where Feet May Fail"
(See music on following page.)

† Greeting of Peace

As those welcomed and given peace by God, let's welcome each other in the peace of Christ.

OCEANS - WHERE FEET MAY FAIL

Verses



1. You call me out up-on the wa-ters The great un - known where feet may
2. Your grace a-bounds in deep-est wa-ters Your sov'-reign hand will be my



— fail And there I find You in the mys - tery In o - ceans
— guide Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've ne - ver—

Chorus



— deep my faith will stand And I will call up-on— Your
— failed and You won't start— now



— name And keep my eyes a - bove the— waves When o - ceans



rise My soul will rest in Your— em - brace— For I am



Yours and You are— mine—

*Sing this page twice
and then turn page
for the bridge.*

sing 3x then repeat chorus



Spi-rit lead me where my trust__ is with-out bor - ders Let me walk



__ up-on__ the wa - ters Wher - ev - er You would call me Take me deep - er than my feet



__ could e - ver wan - der And my faith__



__ will be__ made strong - er__ In the pre - sence of__ my Sa - viour.

THANKSGIVING

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

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.

Our Offerings

Offertory

8:45 and 11:15 services

“God So Loved The World” by Stainer
Sanctuary Choir

10:00 service

Elena Aronson – piano solo

God so loved the world, God so loved the world
That He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,
Should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world
That He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,
Should not perish but have everlasting life.

God so loved the world.

† 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

Psalms 119:9-16, ESV

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

¹³ With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

2 Timothy 3:14-17, NIV

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12-13, NIV

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word.

Video Sharing

11:15 service

† Song of Response

"How Firm a Foundation" – #612 in the hymnal

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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, forever. 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 – 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), Steve Gravely (father, 5/27), Ed McKeon (5/25), Jeff Rebman (mother, 5/21)

For Metro Richmond:

We pray for the governments and governing bodies of metropolitan Richmond: for the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"Before the Throne of God Above"
(See music on following page.)

Commission

Leader: God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: May we live with God's word in our hearts and on our lips so that all we say and do brings honor to him!

† Benediction

Please stand as you are able.

Postlude

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.

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given by Mary Ann Hancock in loving memory of her husband John Hancock.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Words written by:
Charitie Lees Smith (1841-1923)

Music by:
Vikki Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of my guilt with -
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, My per - fect spot - less, right - eous -



plea; A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my
ness. The great un - chan - gea - ble I Am, The King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self; I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased by His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can
free. For God, the Just, is sa - tis - fied To look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my



bid me thence de - part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, To look on Him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, With Christ my Sa - viour and my God.

NEWS

The Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday, July 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the Bonhoeffer Room at 500 Forest Avenue. We will be discussing the book *Seven Men* by Eric Metaxas. Please plan to join in on the discussion.

Men's Sexual Issues Recovery Group – Chris Mathews at the Center for Christian Counseling will be starting a 10-week group for men dealing with sexual issues on Tuesdays from 5:30- 7:00 p.m. starting July 28. Contact Chris (mathews.cfcc@gmail.com) or 306-1079, as an individual session is required to enter the group.

CHAT Tiny Tykes is hiring part-time lead preschool teachers for 3-4 year olds and pre-K classes, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Tiny Tykes is a gospel-centered, creative, community-focused preschool committed to fostering a love of learning in the Church Hill/East End of Richmond. Visit www.chatrichmond.org/employment-opportunities.

Hosts needed at 7th Mid-Autumn Festival to welcome Chinese students to VCU on Sunday, October 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Twenty-two tables need hosts willing to attend the event and then follow up by inviting the 8 students at their table home for supper soon after. Contact Katie Dusil (katiedusil122@gmail.com or 804-298-9602) if you'd like to host.

Conversation Partners – Do you speak English and enjoy internationals? If you'd like to spend an hour every 1-2 weeks talking with an international student, contact Bob Metcalf (metcalfrobert454@gmail.com), Elaine Metcalf (elaine@swistock.com) or Pam Haney (pohaney@vcu.edu) and begin a new friendship.

Bibles For India – Inspire International, the literacy ministry of David and Nalini Singh, is in continuing need of new and gently used Bibles, Bible dictionaries and commentaries. Children's materials are also needed. A collection box is in the commons area outside the Fellowship Hall.

Staff Searches – This is an exciting time at Third! We are grateful to have Alan Ware starting as Director of Finance and Administration on July 20. Continue to pray for God's leading as we search for Communications Director, Organist, Mission Pastor, and Executive Assistant for the Pastor. For full descriptions of these roles or information on how to apply, visit www.thirdrva.org/open_ministry_positions.

Lead Pastor Corey Widmer is away on study leave. He will be back in the pulpit on July 26.

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.

College-Age Brunch – Today! Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00-11:15 a.m. to go to brunch to discuss sermons and life. Contact Tim Latham (434-426-7713).

Save the Date! – Please join us for an evening of praise and prayer at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27 in the Fellowship Hall.

Experience Israel Mission Trip – Registration deadline and deposit due by September 15. We will tour Israel from March 24 - April 3, 2016 as well as Petra, Jordan. We hope to have 24-26 on the trip but need at least 20 people to go. Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org) for more information or visit our website for additional details.

Medical Mission Trip – Together for Tanzania, one of Third's missions partners, is hosting a medical mission trip to the UHAI Medical Center in Mbeya and its rural clinic in Makwale the first part of November. Medical professionals will have the option to return home by November 11 or to travel more extensively with the rest of the team to other cultural areas of TFT's ministry and return home around November 18. Date of departure from Dulles is October 30. At this time, flight costs are at an all-time low, so booking will begin soon. If you are interested in participating, contact Jeanette Brannan (jmbrannan@comcast.net).

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

The Epistles of John: What Makes You Think That You Are Right? – Led by Rev. Nan and Boyd Clarke in Room 101. Studying the epistles of John provides answers from orthodox historic Christianity to modern anxieties about belief and the question of certitude.

Sermon Chat – Led by Elders and hosted by Tom Barila in Room 217. Join us for discussion about the sermons and personal application. An ideal environment for those who want to go deeper with the Bible text, ask questions, and meet new folks.

Sticky Faith! – A powerful opportunity to learn how we can help our young members with the most important part of their development. Facilitated by the Student Ministry Committee in the Student Ministry Area.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Grades 7 - 12 at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

This summer we're tackling some of the tough questions that teenagers ask about God, faith, and the Christian life. Join us each week as we take a look at what God's word says in answer to some of life's challenging and important questions. Taught by Rick Hutton and Sarah Mims (Student Ministry summer intern) each week in the Student Ministry area.

For more information on upcoming student ministry events and how you can get involved, contact Rick Hutton (rickh@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.

8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Services:

Infants – Room 104

Toddler 1 – Room 109 - younger toddlers

Toddler 2 – Room 105 - older toddlers and twos

2's and 3's as of 9/30/14 (Little Lambs and Little Lions) – Room 103

4's as of 9/30/14 and Kindergartners – Children attend 8:45 service with parents and during Noisy Offering; they will be led to Room 223 for play, snack and story time. During the 11:15 service, take your child directly to Room 223 for play, snack and story time.

1st-6th grades – Attend worship with parents.

10:00 a.m. Service:

Infants – Room 104

Toddler 1 – Room 109

Toddler 2 – Room 105

Little Lambs and Little Lions (2 year olds to young 4s): We'll combine these classes for the summer in the Little Lambs room – Room 103 - for a complete Sunday School lesson.

Little Eagles (4-5 year olds) and Kindergarten: Drop off and pick up your child in Room 223 for Sunday school.

1st-6th grade: Drop off in the basement for Sunday school.

(Children will be released to the Fellowship Hall at 11:05 a.m.)

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, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Multipurpose Room at 500 Forest Avenue
- 7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

- 7:00 p.m. Combined Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- 5:00 p.m. Roundtree/Chan Wedding Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, July 25

- 1:00 p.m. Roundtree/Chan Wedding – Sanctuary

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



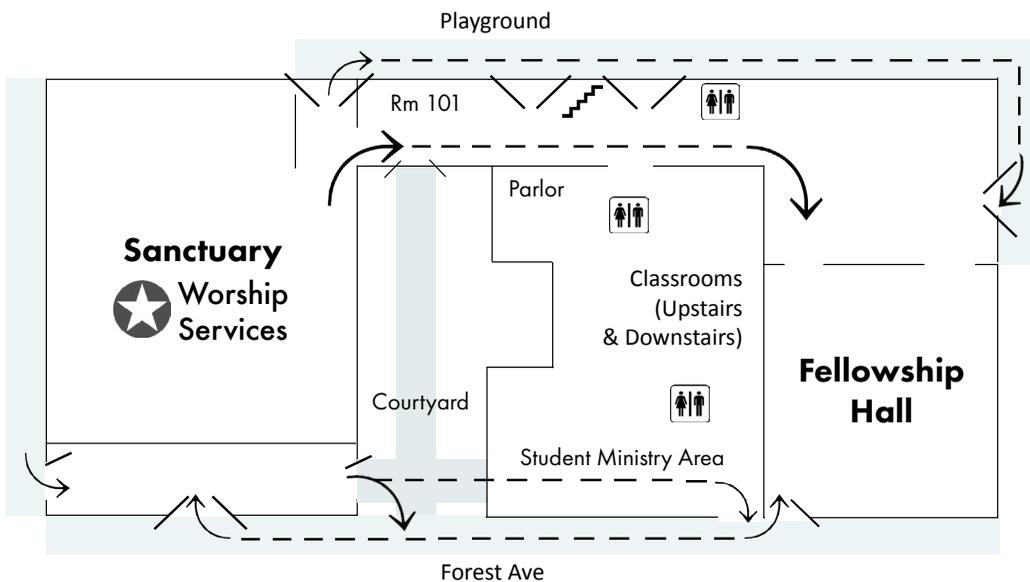
We give praise for God's grace, provision and generosity and invite you to pray that our financial gifts will sustain or even increase Third's ministry and mission at Forest Avenue, in Richmond and around the world. Your gifts have Kingdom impact.

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 or find out how you can become a member, 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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