



# EASTER SUNDAY

THIRD CHURCH | APRIL 17, 2022

“INTRODUCTION AND FUGUE ON A THEME BY HANDEL” (ALEXANDRE GUILMANT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

- › Hear the good news: the grave is empty!
- » **Hallelujah!**
- › Hear the good news: Christ is risen!
- » **Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!**
- › Where, O Death, is your victory?  
Where, O Death, is your sting?
- » **Death has been swallowed up in victory!**
- › Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.
- » **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
- › Christ is risen!
- » **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“INTROIT ON EASTER HYMN” (LARSON)

Jesus lives! God’s power proclaim! Alleluia, praise his name!  
Jesus lives, just as he said. Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise! Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! God’s power proclaim! Alleluia, praise his name!  
Jesus lives, just as he said. Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

## “KING OF KINGS”

### PRAYERS FOR RESURRECTION TO COME

» **Sing together:**

*Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?*

*Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!*

- › Risen Lord, we need your resurrection power to bring new life in us. The shadow of death persists among us. It drives us from you, from our neighbor, and from our best selves. Come revive our broken bodies and sinful hearts. Help us to hear the promptings of your Spirit, the same Spirit who raised you from the dead, who lives in us.

» **Sing together:**

*Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?*

*Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!*

- › Risen Lord, we need your resurrection power to bring new life to our city, our nation, and our world. Hear the pleas of the poor, the sick, the forgotten, and the overlooked. Grant our leaders wisdom and strength to know and do your will, and fill them with the love of truth and righteousness. Bring life where there is death, faithful One who redeems all things.

» **Sing together:**

*Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?*

*Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!*

- › Risen Lord, let your resurrection at last be worked through all the fabric of creation, till every fiber, every atom, every particle in play, is bathed in holy light, consecrated forever as your own. Till every sorrow we've sustained is redeemed, restored, renamed; till ones we've loved and lost and grieved are joined to us again; till all the brokenness that breaks our world is by your word made whole.

» **Sing together:**

*Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?*

*Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!*

*Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;*

*Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!*

*Adapted from "A Liturgy of Praise for Christ Who Conquered Death" in Every Moment Holy, Vol. 2 and Walter Brueggemann's Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth.*

### GREETING OF PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

OFFERTORY | "RISEN INDEED!" (POTE)

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, he is risen.  
Lift up your voices; sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen indeed, he is risen from the dead.  
He is alive, he is alive, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, he is risen.  
Lift up your voices; sing alleluia, alleluia!  
He died for us, our sinful souls to save.  
Now he is risen, risen from the grave.

The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away.  
Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day.  
Jesus will meet us when our death is near.  
He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, he is risen.  
Lift up your voices; sing alleluia!  
Christ is risen, is risen, risen indeed.  
Christ is risen, Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 16:1-8

SERMON | "THE WAY OF JESUS: JESUS DEFEATS DEATH" (COREY WIDMER)

"IN CHRIST ALONE" 770

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM HEBREWS 13:20-21

- › May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
- » **Amen.**
- › Let us go forth to serve the world  
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- » **Thanks be to God. Christ is risen! Hallelujah!**

"HALLELUJAH" FROM MESSIAH (HANDEL)

Thanks for joining us today. Come back next week!

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## AT 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

You can also join us between services **AT 10:00 A.M.** to connect with others or attend one of our Sunday school classes (listed below).



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (APRIL 24 – JUNE 5)

### The Color of Compromise

A look at Jemar Tisby's book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism.*

FELLOWSHIP HALL | DANNY AVULA, BILL MIMS

### On Friendship

Explore the riches and pains of friendship and fellowship.

ROOM 217 | DREW CLEVELAND

### A Study of 1 Peter

Expository Bible teaching that explores the encouragement and testimony of God's true grace.

ROOM 213/215 | DAVE CARROLL, DAVID SKOVE

### The Soul of Desire

An engaging study of Curt Thompson's book on how God can reshape our desires and griefs, and invite us into the beauty of his presence.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 500 FOREST AVE | MARY DAMON

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# PRAYER NEEDS

## FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for Dr. Scott Armistead with the Christian Medical and Dental Association. CMDA is a national fellowship of doctors and dentists and other allied health professionals which has student chapters on health care campuses throughout the country. Scott directs the VCU chapter of medical and dental students. He takes groups of students to serve in mission hospitals and clinics in Zimbabwe, Egypt and Pakistan.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the power of the resurrection to transform metropolitan Richmond: for the redeeming power of God to bring new life out of death to people and communities.

## FOR HEALTH

Robert Wilson, Rusty Gregg, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Linnea Engel, Margie Satterfield, Lee Zulauf, Beatrice White, Evi Burgin, Linda Ludlow, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Christie Geraty

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Judy Boland (sister, 4/6); Amy Ziegler (mother, Loma Shafer, 3/14); Kathy White (sister, 3/14); Lynne Hildebrand (mother, 3/5); Kevin and Christie Geraty (son, Liam, 2/24); Bob McCray (sister, 2/15); Alex Bruce (father, 2/14); Melanie Frazier (husband, Taylor, 2/13); Cathy Tullidge (father, 2/5); Stephanie and Linda Buttner (father and husband, Garry, 2/3); Kathi Johnson (sister, 1/10); Linda Hobgood, Laura Perkins, Jenny Connors, Emily Schindler, Sally Tate (mother and grandmother, Jinny Bartlett, 1/8); Paula Harrison (father, 1/5); Scott Ziegler (brother, 12/27)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Harrison Maxwell Stehle . . . . . 3/4  
Niko Vinson . . . . . 2/16  
Gabriel Rogers. . . . . 1/12

## DEATHS

Betty Thomas . . . . . 4/5  
Loma Shafer . . . . . 3/14  
Liam Geraty . . . . . 2/24  
Taylor Frazier . . . . . 2/13  
Garry Buttner . . . . . 2/3  
Jinny Bartlett . . . . . 1/8

# NEWS & EVENTS

## **NEWCOMERS CLASS: EXPLORING COVENANT PARTNERSHIP**

*Next Sunday, April 24, 10:00 a.m., Parlor*

Learn more about Third and what we believe, and explore joining our community as a Covenant Partner. See the full class schedule online.

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## **WHAT MAKES MARRIAGE THRIVE: A WORKSHOP**

*Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Could your marriage use a little attention? Join Miriam Bott, a licensed professional counselor, for this powerful, interactive marriage workshop. Spaces limited. Register online.

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## **MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: BRAD JOHNSON**

*Next Sunday, April 24, 12:30 p.m., Parlor*

Come and meet Brad Johnson, Executive Director for The Word Is Out, a mission-based nonprofit fostering Biblical literacy.

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## **STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION**

*Sunday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

Help raise money for our student's mission trip to Philadelphia and take home a delicious baked good for a great cause. Want to contribute a baked good? Visit our website or scan the QR code.

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## **MEN'S DINNER AND DISCUSSION**

*Saturday, May 7, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.*

Come to this dinner and hangout with the guys from Third. Join for a great outside speaker, and have plenty of good food and conversation.

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For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events) to see all upcoming events.

## EASTER LILY DONATIONS

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The lilies for today's services have been provided by the following members and friends of Third:

Diane and Frank Atkinson, in memory of their parents and sister, Barbara and Bob Trifari, Margaret and P.T. Atkinson, and Peggy Rosen.

Sarah Winfield, in loving memory of her parents, Jean and Bob Winfield.

Kay Martine, in memory of her husband, Roy Martine.

Heather Massey, in memory of her mom, Janice Miller.

Victoria (Allen) Sharp and James Sharp, in honor of her grandmother, Ann Allen.

John and Jenny Daniel, to the glory of God in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

John, Jenny, and Elizabeth Daniel, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marian Carter.

Darden Cave, in honor of John Sevier Cave, Jr.

Agnes Smith, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Margaret Sims.

Kathy and Jimey Ames, in memory of her sister, Patty Brydges.