

Sunday | July 16, 2017

PRAYING FOR MERCY

"May a merciful God preserve me from a Christian church in which everyone is a saint! I want to be and remain in the church and little flock of the fainthearted, the feeble and the ailing, who feel and recognize the wretchedness of their sins, who sigh and cry to God incessantly for comfort and help, who believe in the forgiveness of sins."

Martin Luther



*Called together for the renewal of all things
through Jesus Christ.*

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
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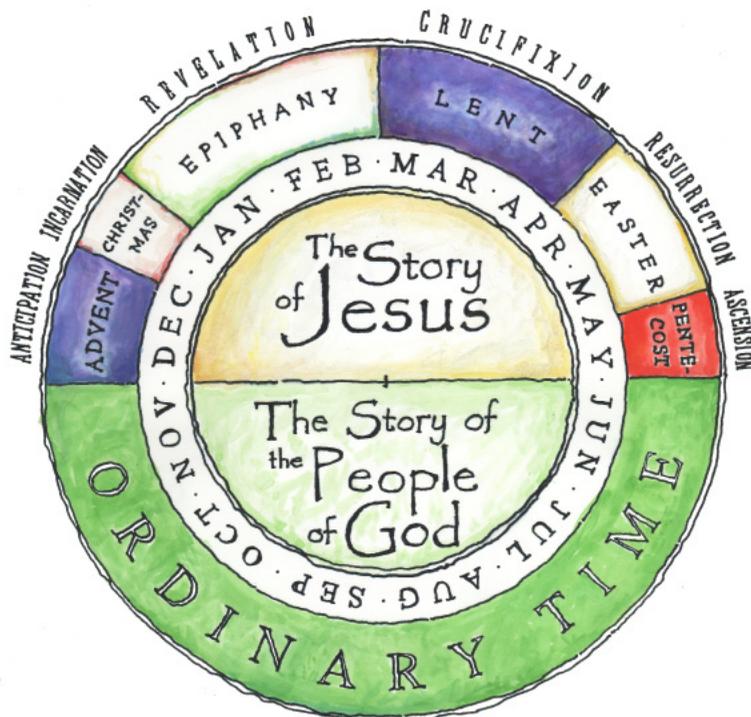
*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

Sanctuary Decorations

Ordinary Time 2017

As followers of Jesus, we “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.

We have spent the half year from Advent to Pentecost walking through the whole story of Jesus. Trinity Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"Fantasia on Hyfrydol and Diademata"

Seth Skiles and Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 51:15

Leader: ○ Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouths will declare your praise.

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

Musical Call to Worship

"O Sifuni Mungu"
(Swahili)

Women's Ensemble

All creatures of our God and King,
Viumbe vyote vya Mungu wetu na Mfal me wetu,

Lift up your voice and sing with us.
Pazeni sauti ilinasi mwimbe.

All men, all creatures, everybody praise God.
Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu Mungu.

Sing.
Imbeni.

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"This Is Amazing Grace"
"You Are My Hiding Place"

(See music on following pages)

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

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

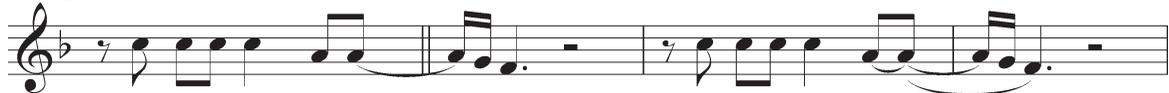


1. Who breaks the pow-er— of sin and dark-ness? Whose love is might-y—
2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun-der? Who leaves us breath-less
3. Who brings our cha - os— back in - to or - der? Who makes the or - phan
4. Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice? Shines like the sun in—



and so much strong-er?— The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!—
 in awe and won - der? The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!—
 a son and daugh-ter?— The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!—
 all of its bril - liance? The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!—

Sing CHORUS after v. 2 & 4



This is a - maz - ing grace, — this is un - fail - ing love: —



that you would take my place, — that you would bear my_ cross. —



You laid down your life, — that I would be set free. — Oh,



Je - sus, I sing for all that you've done for me, — all that you've done for me. —

Ending



Worth-y is the Lamb who was slain. — Worth-y is the King who con - quered the grave. —

YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

PART 1

Musical notation for Part 1, consisting of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "You are my hid - ing place, you al - ways fill my heart with songs of_ de - liv - er - ance; when - ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in you."

You are my hid - ing place, you al - ways fill my heart with
songs of_ de - liv - er - ance; when - ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in you.

PART 2

Musical notation for Part 2, consisting of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with a half note D5, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "I will trust in You. Let the weak say, 'I am strong in the strength of the Lord!'"

I will trust in You. Let the weak say,
"I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

1981, Michael Ledner; CCLI song #21442

Prayers of the People

From Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

**People: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can with reverence serve you.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

**People: I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption!

**People: He himself will redeem his people
from all their sins.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 for ever. Amen.**

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Pastor Leon Dorleans, and Haiti Outreach Ministries, working to train young leaders for Christ's mission. Pray for our mission team serving in Port-AuPrince this week.

Mission Partner Interview

The McCulloch's

Offertory

"May Your Love Be Upon Us"

Women's Ensemble

(Refrain)

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord and praise him, O you just.
Give thanks to the Lord on the harp, with a ten-stringed lute give him songs. (refrain)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (refrain)

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (refrain)

† 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

Psalm 32

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- ² Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
- ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
- ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- ¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Psalm 32 (Blessed Are You)"

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)**

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

Song of Commission "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" #477 in the Hymnal

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love,
Leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread his praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore.
He, who died to save his loved ones, intercedes for them above;
He, who called them his own people, watches over them in love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best,
Vast the ocean of his blessing, sweet the haven of his rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus--for my heaven of heavens is he;
This my everlasting glory--Jesus' mighty love for me!

† **Commission**

From 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: the old has gone, the new is come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

**Everyone: And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,
as though God were making his appeal through us.**

† **Benediction**

**Postlude
11:15 a.m. service**

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given by Mary Ann Hancock, in memory of her husband John who passed away 29 years ago on July 18.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Emily Oostdyk, Ray Elam, James Hildebrand, Ivan Cole, Jennifer Parham, Scott Ziegler, Carol Macomber, Listwella Donaldson, Agnes Smith, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Katherine Crocker, Amy Boyd, Loma Shafer, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Margaret Leith, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

For Comfort

Deaths – John White (father, 7/12), Willson Brockenbrough (mother, 7/12), Bill Shaw (father, 6/24), Jeff Rebman (sister), Kathy White (mother, Lorraine Joseph, 6/6), Laura Childress (brother, 4/28), Joyce Roberts (mother, 4/27), Sue Hendrickson (mother Becky Sloomweg, 4/18), Anna DeJarnette (father, 4/14), Jennifer Friend (father, 4/4), Will Allen (father, 4/3), Peggy Dennis (sister, 4/3)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for governments and governing bodies of metropolitan Richmond: for the supervisors of Henrico County, the county administrator and all county employees.

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.

30-Day Guide to Praying Through the Psalms

Date	Psalms	Date	Psalms
1 Morning	1-5	16 Morning	79-81
Evening	6-8	Evening	82-85
2 Morning	9-11	17 Morning	86-88
Evening	12-14	Evening	89
3 Morning	15-17	18 Morning	90-92
Evening	18	Evening	93-94
4 Morning	19-21	19 Morning	95-97
Evening	22-23	Evening	98-101
5 Morning	24-26	20 Morning	102-103
Evening	27-29	Evening	104
6 Morning	30-31	21 Morning	105
Evening	32-34	Evening	106
7 Morning	35-36	22 Morning	107
Evening	37	Evening	108-109
8 Morning	38-40	23 Morning	110-113
Evening	41-43	Evening	114-115
9 Morning	44-46	24 Morning	116-118
Evening	47-49	Evening	119:1-32
10 Morning	50-52	25 Morning	119:33-72
Evening	53-55	Evening	119:73-104
11 Morning	56-58	26 Morning	119:105-144
Evening	59-61	Evening	119:145-176
12 Morning	62-64	27 Morning	120-125
Evening	65-67	Evening	126-131
13 Morning	68	28 Morning	132-135
Evening	69-70	Evening	136-138
14 Morning	71-72	29 Morning	139-140
Evening	73-74	Evening	141-143
15 Morning	75-77	30 Morning	144-146
Evening	78	Evening	147-150

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! Guest mission teacher from St. Petersburg, Russia, 10 a.m., Room 213

Lyle Thomas, our mission partner, will be teaching and sharing about fostering a community of leaders in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Today! Meet and Greet With Missionaries

Come and meet the McCulloch family and Lyle Thomas today after the 10 a.m. service. Join us in the courtyard for refreshments and conversation.

Stay in the Loop With our Children and Student Ministries!

Did you know that Children's Ministry and Student Ministry send out regular email communications? We do and it's the best way for you to stay connected. If you have a child from infant through high school senior, we want you to stay updated on all of the things happening at Third, including Sunday school, youth gatherings, ways you can serve as a family, and more! If you aren't receiving these emails, please send us your info: Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) for infant through kindergarten, Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) for 1st through 6th grade, and Andrea Woie (andreaw@thirdrva.org) for 7th through 12th grade.

Summer Play Group – Fridays in July, 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Families gather for children to play and parents to enjoy each other's company on the playground or in Room 103 if it's raining. We have story time, play time and then on July 28, we'll have Meet Me at the Car Wash--bring your favorite riding toy and wear clothes that can get wet! Bring a lunch and stay afterwards for a picnic!

Storage

Your generous outpouring of furniture and household donations for the newly arriving Christian Arabic families has created the wonderful problem of not enough storage space! We are seeking a space roughly the size of a double garage, preferably in the West End area. This would enable us to continue picking up donations in a timely manner and have them at the ready for the numerous families that will be arriving this summer. Can you help or do you have ideas? Contact Sandie Marstiller (754-5758 or marstillerfamily@gmail.com).

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

We're hosting three classes at 10:00 a.m., running through July 30 (one continuing through September 3).

Learn more about our classes by visiting: thirdrva.org/blog/summer-2017-at-third

Each class is stand-alone, so join us when you can. Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

Psalms: The Language of Prayer

Our church family will gather together for a special interactive intergenerational class. We'll be following the sermon series and putting each teaching from "Psalms: The Language of Prayer" series into action. This class is great for adults and children, ages kindergarten and up.

Led by: Rotating teachers

Location: Fellowship Hall

Note: All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian!

A Study of Philippians

The letter to the Philippians is full of Christ and overflows with a contagious sense of great joy even in the midst of great challenges, pain, and suffering. Please join us for this 7-week series.

Led by Steve Hall and Dave Beckmann

Location: Room 100 (Parlor)

The Meaning of the Liturgy

We will explore the history behind each element of our worship services and equip the class with a deeper understanding of why we worship the way we do at Third Church. We hope you'll join us as we dive into the global history of baptism, communion, confession, and more. This class, unlike the other classes, will run through September 3. Hosted by the Good News Fellowship class. All are welcome!

Location: Room 101

College Ministry Brunch and Sermon Chat – Each Sunday through July 30, 12:30 p.m., ShoreDog Cafe

Following the 11:15 a.m. service, we'll enjoy a brunch together at ShoreDog across the street. In addition to catching up with one another, we'll also chat about the day's sermon, worship, or anything else that is relevant. Anyone else is welcome to be a part of our conversations and fellowship. Please join us! Questions? Contact Karen Hayes (karenwadehayes@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

Summer 2017 (June 18 - July 30)

Learn more about our classes by visiting our family ministry page on the website (www.thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning). Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) for infants - kindergarten and Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) for 1st - 6th grade.

8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services – Childcare available for all children ages kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents or at 10:00 a.m., families can join us for the special summer Sunday school class.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School class – Psalms: The Language of Prayer

Our church family will gather for a special interactive, intergenerational class. We'll follow the sermon series and have additional teaching from the Psalms. This class is great for adults and children ages kindergarten and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Each class is stand-alone, so please join us when you can!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.
600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area
10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, July 16

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

11:15 a.m. Meet and greet with missionaries – Courtyard outside of the Sanctuary

Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

Wednesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 20

7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Europe Prayer and Care group – meets at Carolyn Oakley's home,
2710 Old Point Drive, Richmond, 23233, 937-6564

6:30 p.m. Healing prayer group - Student ministry area

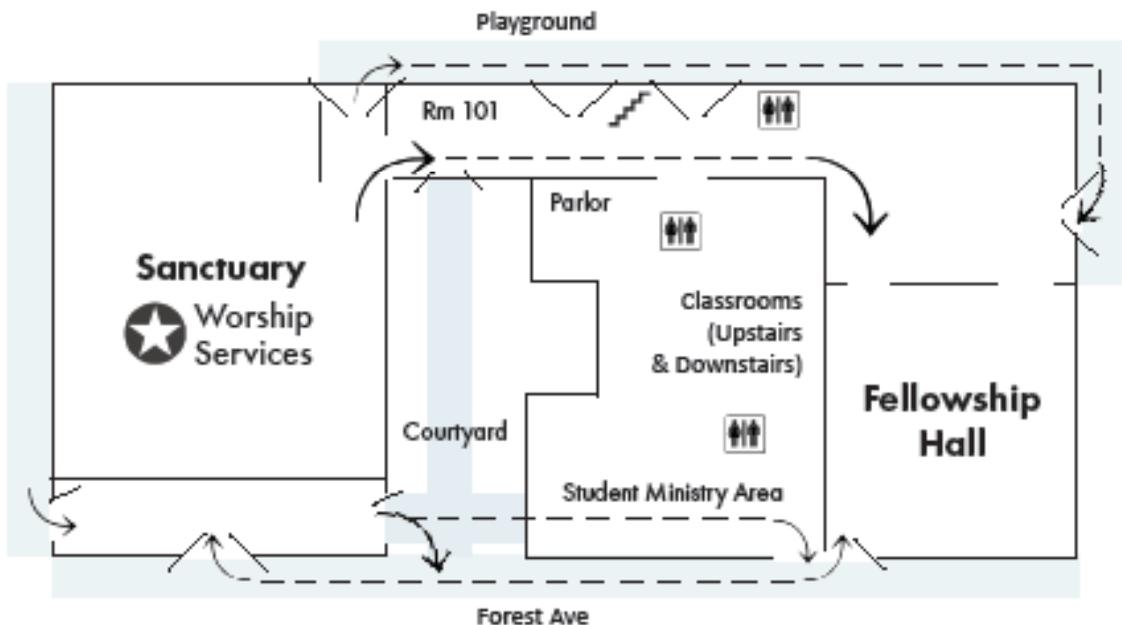
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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 our ministry 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

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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