



This guide follows the service that streams at live.thirdrva.org at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. We're also providing opportunities and resources to worship at home or outside the church building. Learn more at thirdrva.org.

GATHERING

PRELUDE | "PARTITA ON 'FOUNDATION'" (DENNIS ELIOT)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM ISAIAH 30:15

- › In returning and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and in trust is your strength.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 121

- › I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
- » **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**
- › He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.
- » **Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- › The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- » **The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE | "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

SONG OF PRAISE | "JOY"

*There's beauty in my brokenness.
I've got true love instead of pain.
There's freedom, though you've captured me.
I've got joy instead of mourning.*

*You give me joy
Down deep in my soul,
Down deep in my soul,
Down deep in my soul.*

*Never been so free, caught in your love for me.
Never been more secure, knowing your heart, Lord.*

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #581

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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 heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

G C Am G D7 G

hearts un - fold like flowers 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!

D G D G D7 B Em A D

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

G C Am G D G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant - 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.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), P.D.
Music (HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D): Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt., P.D.

PRAYING

- › When we're down and helpless, when lies are reigning,
when fear and indifference are growing,
 - » **May your kingdom come.**
- › When joy is missing, when love is missing, and unbelief is growing,
 - » **May your kingdom come.**
- › To those who are overwhelmed in their leadership at this unprecedented time,
to those who are sick and lonely, to those who are imprisoned and tortured,
 - » **May your kingdom come.**
- › Into your churches, into our praying, into our singing,
 - » **May your kingdom come.**
- › Into our hearts, into our hands, into our eyes,
 - » **May your kingdom come.**
- › Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:
 - » **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.**

Please be praying for those in our community:

Give thanks for the birth of two children: Carson Muriel Kochard, born on July 16 to parents Carolyn and Chris, and Mae Sietske Bruce, who was born on July 17 to parents Janice and Alex. Please join the City North parish in praying for these two families.

Pray for health: David Hacker, Bill Wildner, Elaine Turner, Carolyn Oakley, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Valerie Holland, Bradley Crawford, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Frank Faust (wife, 6/30); Melba Tyler (mother, 6/17); Tam and Josh Bishop (husband, father Brad, 6/1); Kay Lynch (father, 5/15); Scott and Rob Cox (mother Connie, 5/12); Jim Hillsman (wife, 5/11)

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching. If you have time, discuss together: "What's the difference between joy and happiness?"

THANKSGIVING

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.**

To give online, visit thirdrva.org/generosity.

Please be praying for our mission partner Together for Tanzania and Third board members Betsy Pollard and Louise Ingold, as they partner with national leaders to train future leaders, expand the outreach of the church, and provide educational and medical support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We rejoice in the baptism of Alexandria Ruth Stiff on July 19. Along with the City North parish, we invite you to pray for Liz and Christian as they seek to raise Ruthie in the love and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever!

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 126 (THE MESSAGE)

- ¹⁻³ It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,
when God returned Zion's exiles.
We laughed, we sang,
we couldn't believe our good fortune.
We were the talk of the nations—
"God was wonderful to them!"
God was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.
- ⁴⁻⁶ And now, God, do it again—
bring rains to our drought-stricken lives
So those who planted their crops in despair
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,
So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.
- › This is the word of the Lord.
 - » **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE | "THE JOY SONG"

SENDING

SONG OF COMMISSION | "PSALM 126 (ALTHOUGH WE ARE WEEPING)"

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your kingdom for the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

- › Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- » **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

POSTLUDE | "TRUMPET TUNE" (RAYMOND HAAN)