"THE TRUSTING SONG" | SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020



This guide follows the service that streams at <u>live.thirdrva.org</u> 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 <u>thirdrva.org</u>.

GATHERING -

PRELUDE | "PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN C MAJOR" (J. S. BACH)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
- » Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

- > The God of creation makes us one in body!
- » Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!
- > The God of Christ makes us one in Spirit!
- » Let us join hearts in praise of the Lord!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Take a few moments to openly thank God for a few attributes of his character. For example, "God, thank you that you are all powerful" or "God, thank you for your grace for me this week."

SONG OF PRAISE | "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

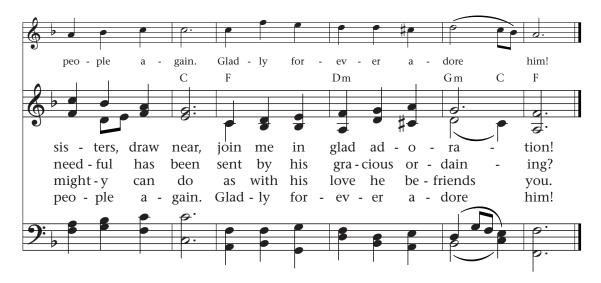
PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #575

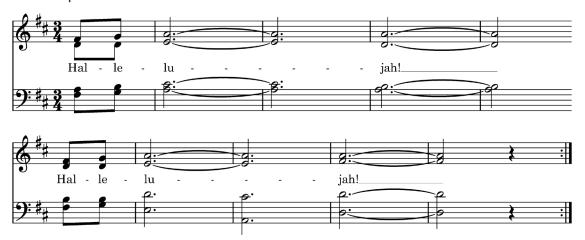


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REFRAIN | SING AFTER VERSES 2 AND 4



PRAYING

» Sing refrain:

You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father. You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Merciful God, because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us, just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

» (Sing refrain)

> God of comfort, stand with those who sorrow from things and loved ones lost in this pandemic season. Bring your peace to those who toil under the pressure of work, school, and family life—may their labor not be in vain. Extend your compassion to those under heavy financial strain and meet their needs.

» (Sing refrain)

God with us, you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together and proclaiming the good news to the world, that all may believe you are love, turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth.

» (Sing refrain twice)

Please be praying for those in our community:

Pray for health: Strick Smith, Ann Kooiman, Nancy Taulbee, David Hacker, Elaine Turner, Carolyn Oakley, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Bradley Crawford, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Bill Wildner (8/4); Tim Cole (father, 8/1); Melinda Bothe (father, 7/24); Frank Faust (wife, 6/30); Melba Tyler (mother, 6/17); Tam and Josh Bishop (husband, father Brad, 6/1)

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a moment to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by text to other friends and family watching.

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 Donald Marsden as he works with Frontier Fellowship to mobilize people and resources for ministry among unreached people groups and developing partnerships with frontline workers to the Arssi Oromo of Ethiopia, as well as workers in West Africa, Russia, Siberia, Hungary, and the Ukraine.

OFFERTORY | INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNERS TOM AND TISHA PHILLIPS

DOXOLOGY

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

SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 131 (THE MESSAGE)

- God, I'm not trying to rule the roost,
 I don't want to be king of the mountain.
 I haven't meddled where I have no business
 or fantasized grandiose plans.
- I've kept my feet on the ground, I've cultivated a quiet heart. Like a baby content in its mother's arms, my soul is a baby content.
- Wait, Israel, for God. Wait with hope. Hope now; hope always!
- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE | "THE TRUSTING SONG"

SENDING -

SONG OF COMMISSION | "GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

MUSIC ON PAGE 6

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM PSALM 9:18; ROMANS 8:24-25

- > The needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- » For in hope we were saved. We hope for what we do not see, so we wait for our salvation with patience.

POSTLUDE | "COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING" (PAUL LAUBENGAYER)

GREAT ARE YOU, LORD

