



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 | "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES" (DALE WOOD)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- › We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
- » **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 71:5-8

- › For you have been our hope, Sovereign LORD,
- » **Our confidence since our youth.**
- › From birth, we have relied on you;
- » **We will ever praise you.**
- › Our mouths are filled with your praise,
- » **Declaring your splendor all day long.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Take a few moments with the people you are gathered with, or on your own, to praise God for his goodness and his faithfulness.

SONG OF PRAISE | "O WORSHIP THE KING" (V. 1,3,4,5)

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O WORSHIP THE KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #2

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1 O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Your boun-ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

G/B D7 G D

sing his power and his love: our shield and de - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -

D7 G G/B D7

An - cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet-ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

5 O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

For another setting of Ps. 104 see 11

Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.

Music (LYONS 10.10.11.11): W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.

PRAYING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this Labor Day Sunday let us, in a special way, lift up all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, in the U.S. and around the world. We want to especially remember our brothers and sisters in the Christian Arabic Church who are navigating decisions around work and exposure amidst multiple coronavirus cases.

- › We are workers, Creator God, just like you. But we confess that our work does not always honor you and our neighbor. We have worked for our own gain rather than for your glory. We have carried out our work in ways that do not advance your kingdom values. And we have ignored and failed to act on behalf of those who are paid unjust wages or who suffer injustice in their labor. Forgive us, O God, and renew our work for your glory.
- › Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

- › Lord Jesus, we pray especially for essential workers in this season, as they risk exposure to care, feed, heal, serve, teach, and protect us. Be their strength and protector. We pray for job providers and business owners who are struggling to keep their businesses going in this difficult economic season. Pour out your Spirit on those who need extra measures of comfort, peace and stability in this difficult season of work. Give us the grace to persevere in the trials we experience, and to rejoice in the labors you place before us.
- › Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

- › Holy Spirit, empower all of us in this new season of work, whether young or old, children or adults, paid or unpaid. Give us grace in the coming days, that we might serve you well by loving and serving others, laboring in view of that day when your kingdom will be fully realized at the great restoration of our world. Empower us to pray and work for that day with all your strength and love.
- › Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Please be praying for those in our community:

Pray for health: Ivan Cole, Deb McSorley, Tom Morgan, Stephanie Brooks, Knox Cunningham, Bradley Crawford, Strick Smith, Ann Kooiman, Nancy Taulbee, David Hacker, Elaine Turner, Carolyn Oakley, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Patrick Wallace (mother, 8/31); Kay Lynch (mother, 8/11, father, 5/15); 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 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.

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 partners Tom and Tisha Phillips as they train people for ministry to unreached peoples of the world and engage in sharing the gospel of Christ in Wales.

OFFERTORY | INTERVIEW WITH DANIELLE AVULA

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 127

- ¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.
 - ² In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
 - ³ Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him.
 - ⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are children born in one's youth.
 - ⁵ Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their opponents in court.
- › This is the word of the Lord.
 - » **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE | "THE WORK SONG"

RESPONDING

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;**
 - who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 - he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
 - he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 - from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit;**
- the holy catholic church;**
- the communion of saints;**
- the forgiveness of sins;**
- the resurrection of the body;**
- and the life everlasting.**
- Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**

- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**

- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**

- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer of those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’”

“In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

As we take the elements together, spend some moments in reflection, meditating on the mercy of God given to us in Jesus’ death and resurrection, and consider the amazing way God binds us together in unity through Jesus’ sacrifice. Spend some time praising and thanking God for his gift of love.

CLOSING PRAYER 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 for ever. Amen.**

SENDING

SONG OF COMMISSION | “WE ARE NOT OVERCOME”

Flesh will fail, bones will break; thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade; the Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust; the Lord will make a place for us.

*Because of his great love, we are not overcome!
Because of his great love, we are not overcome!*

Offer up your shoes and shirt; turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death; the Lord will give all life and breath.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM 1 JOHN 3:1, PROVERBS 10:22

- › What marvelous love the Father has extended to us!
- » **Just look at it—we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are.**
- › God’s blessing makes life rich;
- » **Nothing we do can improve on God!**

POSTLUDE | “POSTLUDE IN G MAJOR” (G. F. HANDEL)