m H'URCH "the servant song" | sunday, july 5, 2020



This guide follows the service that streams at <u>live.thirdrva.org</u> at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. We're also currently encouraging small gatherings and providing resources for self-led home services. Learn more at <u>thirdrva.org</u>.

## GATHERING -

*Take time before the service to prepare bread and wine / juice as we'll be celebrating communion later this morning.* 

PRELUDE | "SUITE GOTHIQUE (I: INTRODUCTION; II: MENUET)" (LEON BOELLMANN)

#### 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.

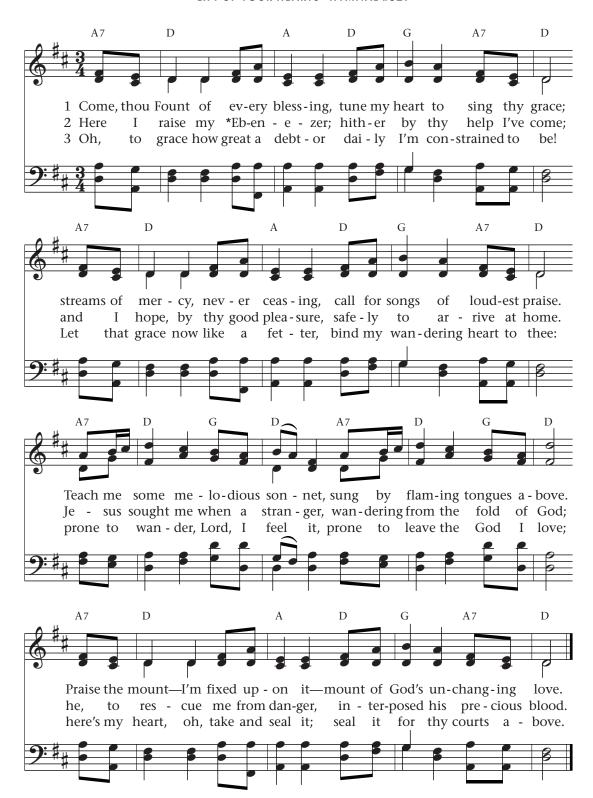
#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE | "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

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## COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #521



<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Then Samuel took a stone . . . called its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'" (1 Sam. 7:12)

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.

Music (NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D): J. Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813, P.D.

# LORD, I NEED YOU



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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:

Pray for racial justice and peace for our city and nation, and that God would enable the church to be an instrument of healing racial divides.

Pray that God would give wisdom and help to our health experts, and that treatments and vaccines would be discovered.

Pray for health: Page Faust, Bill Wildner, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Valerie Holland, Juan and Gabriel Ledon, Bradley Crawford, Gretchen Gravely, Christie Geraty, Erika Gouverneur, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: 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), Sue Reed (mother, 5/8); John Dean (5/4); Paul Newell (father), Jimmie Massie (mother, 5/3)

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
 Every hour I need you.
 My one defense, my righteousness;
 Oh God, how I need you.

#### **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 pray for our mission partners Andrew and Jessie Foster as they minister to the 75,000 university students in Granada, Spain and engage them through cultural and language exchange, social work, and personal and spiritual development.

## GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### PROCLAIMING -

## SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 123 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,
  - O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- <sup>2</sup> Behold, as the eyes of servants
  - look to the hand of their master,
  - as the eyes of a maidservant
    - to the hand of her mistress,
  - so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
    - till he has mercy upon us.
- Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.
- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE | "THE SERVANT 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;

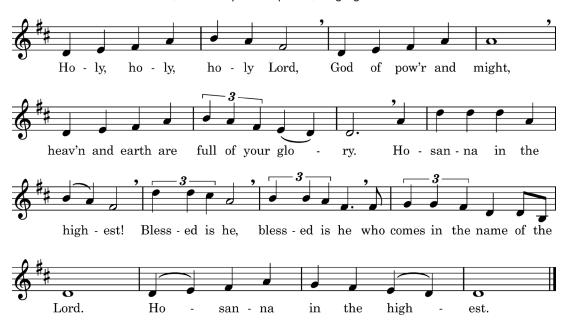
the resurrection of the body;

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:



#### 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.

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.

#### SENDING -

## SONG OF COMMISSION | "POUR ME OUT"

Make me a vessel of your peace. Where there is war, let fighting cease. All that divides us, come reconcile us. Make me a vessel of your peace.

Make me a vessel of your love. Where there is hatred, break it up.
All creeds and colors, bind us together. Make me a vessel of your love.

Pour me out, pour me out, pour me out, Wherever I am, wherever I go.

Make me a vessel of your hope. Where dreams are dead, come wake them up. A new horizon, I feel it rising. Make me a vessel of your hope.

Like a rushing river, let mercy flow Through my heart to my world.

#### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ROMANS 12:1-2

- Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
- » Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

POSTLUDE | "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" (GORDON YOUNG)