

CONNECT TO TODAY'S ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE: THIRDRVA.ORG/THIS-SUNDAY

Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

GATHERING

"VARIATIONS ON 'PLEADING SAVIOUR'" (RAYMOND HAAN)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 124:8

- > Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- » Who made heaven and earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 113

- Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.
- » Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.
- From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.
 The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?
- He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Let saints on earth unite to sing;
God's praise on ev'ry tongue.
For all the servants of our King
In earth and heav'n are one. We sing as one.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of thy name.

"CORNERSTONE"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.

WORDS OF COMFORT

- Hear these words of favor, O children of God: all these sins you have truly repented of, he has eternally forgiven. They will never be held against you. You are free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance, knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient to your own failings.
- » Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For all that is gracious in the lives of people, revealing the image of Christ,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For our daily food and drink, our homes, families, and friends,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- For the brave and courageous,
 who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
- » We thank you, Lord.
- > For what else are we thankful?
 Feel free to speak out loud or type into the chat area.
- Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray as children of God, saying:
- » 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

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.

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.

Please be praying for our mission partner International Cooperating Ministries and president Geof Stiff as they partner with in-country leaders to nurture believers and build churches.

MISSION PARTNER INTERVIEW | URBAN HOPE

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at thirdrva.org/give.

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 | GALATIANS 5:22-23, JAMES 5:7-11

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at <u>thirdrva.org/this-sunday</u>.

SERMON | "PATIENCE IN A TIME OF RESTLESSNESS"

SENDING

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | COLOSSIANS 3:13-14

- Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- » And over all these virtues let us put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

"FESTIVAL FINALE" (MALCOLM ARCHER)

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