

#### 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**

"ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM HABAKKUK 2:20

- > The LORD is in his holy temple;
- » Let all the earth be silent before him.

## CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 115

- > Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
- » For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!
- The idols of the people are silver and gold,
   the work of human hands.
   They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
   They have ears, but do not hear; feet, but do not walk.
- » Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.
- > But we trust in the LORD; he is our help and our shield!
- » We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
  Praise the LORD!

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

#### "THE LION AND THE LAMB"

He's coming on the clouds.
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare his praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.

He's roaring with power and fighting our battles.

And every knee will bow before him.

Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain

For the sins of the world. His blood breaks the chains

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Every knee will bow before him.

So open up the gates; Make way before the King of kings. The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

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#### **CONFESSING**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION | FROM PSALM 79:9

- Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name,
- » Deliver us, and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

#### 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.

#### "HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That he would give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there Until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- > Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear our intercessions:
- > For your church around the world,
- » We ask for new life.
- > For all who carry out ministries in your church,
- » We ask grace and wisdom.
- > For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines,
- » We ask inspired discipleship.
- > For Christians of every land,
- » We ask new unity in your name.
- > For those who cannot believe,
- » We ask your faithful love.
- > For governors and rulers in every land,
- » We ask your guidance.
- > For people who suffer and sorrow,
- » We ask your healing peace.
- > For what else shall we pray?

Feel free to speak aloud or to type in the chat area if you're worshiping with us online.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- And now, gathering our prayers into one, we boldly pray as our Savior taught us, 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 Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT), a Christian community development organization that seeks to build community as they tutor, provide life skills and leadership training, and seek to transform the environment of the Church Hill area.

## OFFERTORY | "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine!

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at <a href="mailto:thirdrva.org/give">thirdrva.org/give</a>.

## 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; MATTHEW 25:23

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at <a href="mailto:thirdrva.org/this-sunday">thirdrva.org/this-sunday</a>.

## SERMON | "FAITHFULNESS IN A TIME OF COMPROMISE"

#### **SENDING**

#### "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last; Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast 'Til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

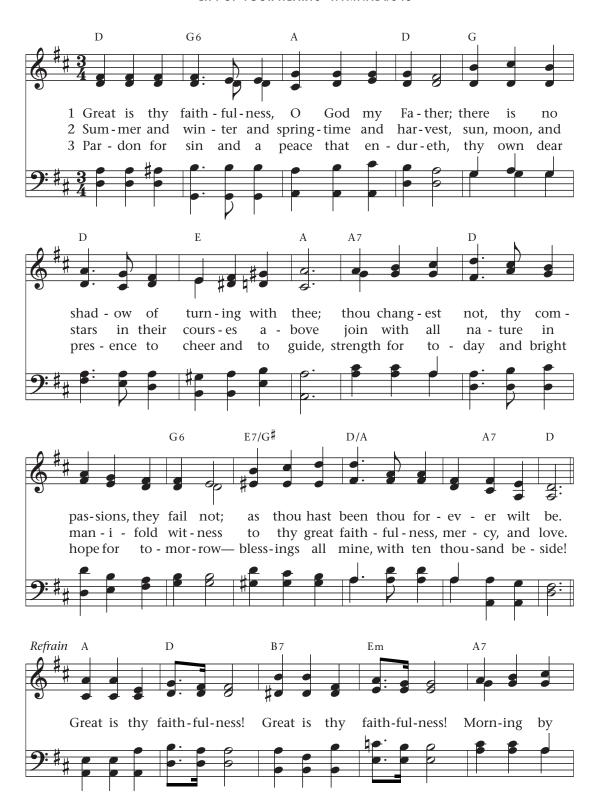
#### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

- May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do it.

"FANFARE" (MICHAEL HELMAN)

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #348



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