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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

"CHACONNE" (LOUIS COUPERIN)

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 95:1-2,6-7

- › Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
- » **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
- › Let us come before him with thanksgiving
- » **And extol him with music and song.**
- › Come, let us bow down in worship,
- » **Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**
- › For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
- » **The flock under his care.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"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?

*Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?*

"THE LOVE OF GOD"

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star  
And reaches down to lowest hell.  
The guilty pair bowed down with care  
God gave his Son their souls to win;  
His erring child he reconciled  
And pardoned from his sin.

*O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure:  
The saints' and angels' song.  
The saints' and angels' song.*

When years of time shall pass away  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men who here refuse to pray  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure shall still endure,  
For it is measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race  
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill  
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the boundless ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

## 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

- › What can wash away our sins?
- » **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**
- › We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
- » **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**
- › In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | MADDIE CHUNG (11:00 SERVICE)

*Madeleine (Maddie) Gina Chung is the daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Chung (Three Chopt parish). Jon Avula is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Danielle Avula is the prayer sponsor.*

### » Sing together:

*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever!*

*Please pray for Matthew and Jennifer as they seek to raise Maddie in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

## 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

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### 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 partners Ryan and Vanessa Keating with World Horizons. Ryan is the Turkey and Central Asia field leader for World Horizons. He currently oversees teams and ministries in Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and North Cyprus. In North Cyprus he serves as a pastor of a Turkish and international church and leads Exile Ministry Training, which is training Christians for ministry in the Muslim world.*

## OFFERTORY | "ALL CREATION WAITS"

When the sun breaks forth from his bridegroom chamber,  
Let the fields be glad.

Lift your branches high, all you trembling wildwood trees.  
Let the songs of ev'ry bird arise.

For the Lord has come,  
He has come to us.  
All creation waits.

Son of Man, gentle ruler of creation,  
Make the nations glad.  
May we as your hands bring healing to our neighbors.  
Let us all with our new songs arise.

For the Lord has come,  
For the Lord has come.  
He has come to us,  
He has come to us.  
All creation waits,  
All creation waits.  
May your people wait  
And abide in the Vine  
In praise, in praise, in praise.

Words and Music by Chris Gaertner

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

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### SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 15:5-8

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at [thirdrva.org/this-sunday](http://thirdrva.org/this-sunday).*

## SERMON | "AN INVITATION TO COMMUNION"

## RESPONDING

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for the church. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray for the world. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › We pray for the land, the sea, the sky—for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. We pray for the creation. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for those in need. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever.
  - » **Amen.**

- › Gathering our prayers into one, we pray together as you 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.**

## SENDING

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### "SERVANT SONG"

We are travelers on the journey,  
We are pilgrims on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.  
I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.  
We'll sing praise with countless millions  
At our great Redeemer's throne  
As we worship Christ together  
In our eternal home.

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING | 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

- › Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
- » **For this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.**

"TOCCATA ON 'OLD 100TH'" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Genevieve Pacious and Fadi Maksad, who were married in the Sanctuary yesterday, July 10, 2021.

# THE LOVE OF GOD



1. The love of God is great - er far than tongue or pen can ev - er  
2. When years of time shall pass a - way and earth - ly thrones and king - doms  
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the skies of parch - ment



tell; it goes be - yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the low - est  
fall, when men, who here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and moun - tains  
made, were ev - 'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev - 'ry man a scribe by



hell. The guilt - y pair, bowed down with care, God gave his son, their souls to  
call. God's love so sure shall still en - dure, for it is meas - ure - less and  
trade, to write the love of God a - bove would drain the bound - less o - cean



win; his err - ing child he rec - on - ciled and par - doned from his sin.  
strong; re - deem - ing grace to Ad - am's race the saint's and an - gels song.  
dry, nor could the scroll con - tain the whole 'tho stretched from sky to sky.

## Refrain



*O love of God, how rich and pure! How meas - ure - less and strong!—*



*It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure. The saints' and an - gel's song.—*



*The saints' and an - gels' song.—*