

# WELCOME!

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### PRELUDE | "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" (ARR. JASON PAYNE)

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-4

- › Shout for joy to God, all the earth!  
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
- » **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**
- › "All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,  
they sing the praises of your name."

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

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"PSALM 131"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,  
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
- » **You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**
- › Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and  
sorry for all we have done to displease you.
- » **Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in  
your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

## GREETING OF PEACE

### 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.**

“IS HE WORTHY?” (PETERSON/SHIVE, ARR. SORENSON)

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? He does.  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? He is!

**DOXOLOGY**

**SCRIPTURE READING | MATTHEW 26:17-30**

**SERMON | "TASTE & SEE: GOD'S GRACE" (NAN CLARKE)**

*Our lead pastor Corey Widmer has been on an extended summer break for rest and study and will be returning this coming week.*

**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.**

### FOR OUR GUESTS

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It's 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 FOR 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.

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

#### 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.

- › 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:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow’r and might,  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he, blessed is he  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

#### 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.”

**“COME SHARE THE LORD” (LEECH)**

We gather here in Jesus’ name,  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.  
For through his loving Son, the Father makes us one.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

We’ll gather soon where angels sing,  
We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

For he will feed us with his presence here,  
This bread and wine will do us good.  
Our deepest hungers he will satisfy,  
For he is life and peace and rest and drink and food.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread.  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.  
The One we love the most is now our gracious host.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.  
We are now the family of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We gather here in Jesus’ name,  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.  
For through his loving Son, the Father makes us one.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

We’ll gather soon where angels sing,  
We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.  
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**“HOLY COMMUNION”**

PASTORAL 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.**

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COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | COLOSSIANS 1:11-14

- › May God strengthen us with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
- » **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

POSTLUDE | “RONDO” (JOHN BULL)

# THE TEN O’CLOCK HOUR

We will be taking a break from Sunday school during the month of August. We encourage you to visit the **Prayer Room (200)** or **Quiet Room (226)** upstairs, or have coffee with a new or old friend in our Outdoor Commons by the playground.

For those of you with children too young for the playground (or juggling multiple young ages), we will have a small, age-appropriate play space set up in the Fellowship Hall so that you can still connect with others while your children play or color a picture.

## CHILDCARE

We will continue to offer childcare during our worship services and between services for infants through two-year-olds.

Infants (up to 12 months or steady walkers) . . . . .	<b>102</b>
Toddlers . . . . .	<b>107</b>
Little Lambs: 2-year-olds (as of 9/30/2021) . . . . .	<b>103</b>



# PRAYER NEEDS

## FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner Karen Carr in her work with Barnabas International, an organization committed to providing pastoral care and training for God's global servants.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

## FOR HEALTH

Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Cat Ramsey, Betty Fisher, Elizabeth Flanary, Joe Slay, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Gretchen Gravely, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Beatrice White, Evi Burgin, Linda Ludlow, Susan Higgins, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Christie Geraty

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Greg Brewer (father); David Perry (grandfather); Amber Anthony (grandmother, 7/8); Ron Klipp (brother, 6/27); George Adams (father, 5/22); Patrick Wallace (brother, 5/21); Sarah Dugal (father, 4/13); Judy Boland (sister, 4/6); Amy Ziegler (mother, Loma Shafer, 3/14); Kathy White (sister, 3/14); Lynne Hildebrand (mother, 3/5)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Deck Thomas Dieringer . . . . . 7/27  
Noah Bocchietti Muangala . . . . . 5/31  
Uriah Sadakan . . . . . 5/17  
Stella Berkley Seibert . . . . . 5/13  
William Reed Mullins . . . . . 4/30  
Cecilia Diane Morrissett . . . . . 4/16  
Harrison Maxwell Stehle . . . . . 3/4  
Niko Vinson . . . . . 2/16

## DEATHS

Betty Thomas . . . . . 4/5  
Loma Shafer . . . . . 3/14  
Liam Geraty . . . . . 2/24  
Taylor Frazier . . . . . 2/13  
Garry Buttner . . . . . 2/3  
Jinny Bartlett . . . . . 1/8

Today we celebrate the birth of **Deck Thomas Dieringer**, born on July 27 to Alex, Kurt and big sister Kenley. Please join us in prayer for this family!

# RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE

In case you haven't heard, our church building will soon be undergoing major renovations as part of a campaign to fund necessary renovations to our aging church home. We're currently preparing to move completely out of our current building to Regency Mall, which will serve as our temporary church home. Construction on our building here on Forest Avenue is on track to begin in March of 2023.

OUR CURRENT TIMELINE



## AUGUST 2022

Our ministry areas are preparing for the transition.



## JANUARY 2023

Worship services and church activities begin at Regency Mall.



## MARCH 2023

The building construction is expected to begin.



## SUMMER 2024

Our anticipated return to our renovated building.

Questions? Visit [renew.thirdrva.org](https://renew.thirdrva.org) to see our FAQs or contact us.

# NEWS & EVENTS

## MOVE OUT VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

We need your help! We are in the process of cleaning out many items in our church building that have accumulated over the years. Sign up online to volunteer on one of these workdays happening throughout August.



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## PARISH AREA PICNICS

Reconnect with Third friends who live in your neighborhood or area and get to know new faces. These outdoor, kid-friendly picnics will be taking place throughout the city in August and September. Scan the QR code or visit our website to find a gathering near you.



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## SPLISH SPLASH SATURDAY

*Saturday, August 20, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Playground Parking Lot*

Cool down with your family ministry friends in our makeshift splash pad. We'll provide iced coffee for grownups and popsicles for kids. Invite your friends!



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## MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: ELIJAH HOUSE ACADEMY

*Sunday, August 21, 12:15 p.m., Parlor*

Elijah House Academy is run by Third covenant partners Jesse and Elizabeth Kell and exists to provide accessible Christian education to the children of Richmond.

For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit [thirdrva.org/events](https://thirdrva.org/events) to see all upcoming events.

# NOTES