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PRELUDE | "WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED" (ROBERT HOBBY)

"COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY"

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 90

- › Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- » **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**
- › Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
- » **May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING" 492

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from your hearts and minds, forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom, and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

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.**

OFFERTORY | "YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN"

DOXOLOGY

FAITH AND WORK INTERVIEW: ADRIENNE WRIGHT AND STEVE KRIEGER

SCRIPTURE READING | MATTHEW 26:26-30

HOMILY | "TAKEN, BLESSED, BROKEN, GIVEN" (COREY WIDMER)

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:
- » ***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.”

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.

OFFERTORY | "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" (ROUSE)

Let us break bread together on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together; let us drink the cup together;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

"IN THE FIELDS OF THE LORD"

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

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.**

"ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

- › As you go, will you pray that you will experience God's presence in your work and labor?
- » **By the grace of God, we will.**
- › Will you seek God's will and let it be done in your day-to-day decisions and deeds?
- » **By the grace of God, we will.**
- › Will you work for God's glory and through your work, seek to love God, others and creation?
- » **By the grace of God, we will.**
- › Will you treat each person you work with and encounter with the love, respect and honor that they are owed as an image bearer of God?
- » **By the grace of God, we will.**
- › Will you seek to address problems, conflict, and annoyances in a kind, compassionate and patient manner?
- » **By the grace of God, we will.**
- › When conditions allow, will you invite others to acknowledge and follow Jesus as Lord?
- » **By the grace of God, we will.**
- › We commend one another to this work and pledge our prayers, encouragement and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us, that in this and in all things we may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ.

POSTLUDE | "POSTLUDE IN G MAJOR" (G. F. HANDEL)

THE TEN O’CLOCK HOUR

Join us for Rally Day next week, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate kicking off an exciting new ministry year. You’ll have an opportunity to meet your kids’ new Sunday school teachers and visit our ministry tables to see where you can plug in this year.

Our dedicated ten o'clock Sunday school hour for kids, students and adults will be **resuming on September 18**. Here’s a preview of our adult class offerings:

The Patterns & Pathways of Discipleship

FELLOWSHIP HALL | DREW CLEVELAND

Exploring Philippians

ROOM 217 | ADRIENNE WRIGHT

To Be Made Well Book Study

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 500 FOREST AVE | MARY DAMON

Psalms: Wisdom of God for Everyday Life

ROOM 213/215 | DAVID CARROLL, DAVID SKOVE

Visit thirdrva.org/sunday-school to learn more about these classes, our kids classes, and other offerings we have to pray and connect during the ten o’clock hour between services.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available during our worship services and between services for infants through two-year-olds.

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

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner Needle's Eye Ministries as they seek to build connections between business professionals and matters of faith and to encourage men and women to impact our community with Christ's values, ethics and love.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all superintendents, school boards, school administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff. For curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning; for space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.

FOR HEALTH

Vickie O'Dell, Mollie Heyman, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Cat Ramsey, Betty Fisher, 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

Will Hayes (grandfather, 8/24); Greg Brewer (father, 7/25); David Perry (grandfather, 8/23); Amber Anthony (grandmother, 7/8); Ron Klipp (brother, 6/27); George Adams (father, 5/22); Patrick Wallace (brother, 5/21)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Daniel Wilson Hogan 8/19
Mabel Anne "Mae" Essex 8/18
Cyrus Riggsbee Henson 8/17
Mollie Katherine Heyman 8/13
Greta Louise Regrut 8/12
Deck Thomas Dieringer 7/27

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

NEWS & EVENTS

RALLY DAY

Next Sunday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Parking Lot

Come out for food, games, and live music. We are still looking for help with the potluck. Sign up online or scan the QR code to bring a side or help with setup or breakdown.



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Sundays at 10:00 a.m., starting September 18

Our dedicated Sunday school hour for kids, students and adults is back on September 18. Scan the QR code to check out our class offerings and opportunities for prayer, rest, and connection.



IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE TUTORING: LOOKING FOR NEW TUTORS!

Looking for a way to meet and serve our immigrant and refugee neighbors? Join 150 other tutors and subs serving on Wednesday nights in this vibrant ministry. Email Emily at tutoring@thirdrva.org.



NEWCOMERS CLASS

Begins Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.

Interested in learning more about Third Church, our polity, theology, and becoming a Covenant Partner? Then join us for this class. Full schedule and more info online.



CLUB 56 DINNER

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m.

Fifth and sixth graders, with their families, are invited to dinner as we begin the new school year together and learn about Club 56. RSVP online by September 7.



SERVE WITH CARITAS

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Help our mission partner CARITAS throw their annual block party for their clients! Volunteers will help with food and games.



WE'RE HIRING!

We're looking for two part-time positions on our team: Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor, and Administrative Assistant for Security Support (short-term role, data entry). Apply online.



PARISH AREA PICNICS

Reconnect with Third friends who live in your neighborhood or area and get to know new faces. The last of these outdoor, kid-friendly picnics will be taking place on September 11.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

CHESTERFIELD	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Robious Landing Park, Shelter #3 (3800 James River Rd)
THREE CHOPT	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Kanawha Pool (8100 Holmes Ave)
CITY NORTH	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Bryan Park, Shelter #1 (4308 Hermitage Rd)
MOORELAND	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	The Halls' home (8901 Bellefonte Rd)

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