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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

"PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN E MINOR" (J. S. BACH)

"LET ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY COME"

Let all who are thirsty come,
Let all who wish receive the water of life freely.
Amen; come, Lord Jesus.
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CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 47

- › Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- » **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great King over all the earth.**
- › God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- » **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" | #251 IN THE HYMNAL

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.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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.

"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?*

CONFESSING

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

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 | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are new
every morning; great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

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 partners Steve and Janice Quakenbush with Wycliffe Bible Translators as they work to help language communities worldwide gain access to the scriptures in the languages and media that speak to their hearts.

"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name! I'm fixed upon it—
name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto thy love has blessed me;
Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know thy hand will bring me
Safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart: O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing!

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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 | HEBREWS 10:23-25

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

SERMON | "RETURN TO COMMUNITY"

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- » **Sing refrain:**
 - You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.*
 - You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.*
 - Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*
 - Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*

Let's sing the refrain together after each prayer.

- › 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

"WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION"

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
"We will feast and weep no more."*

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn:
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

- › 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.**

"TRUMPET TUNE IN C MAJOR" (DAVID JOHNSON)