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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

"SING TO THE LORD A JOYFUL SONG" (HOPSON) | 8:45 SERVICE

Sing to the Lord a joyful song.

God has done marvelous, marvelous things.

Enter God's presence with thanks and praise.

Come let us worship the Lord our God.

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 145

- › Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- » **One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**
- › They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- » **They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**
- › The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- » **Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"IL M'A SAUVÉ"

- › Il m'a sauvé! (*He saved me!*)
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
- › Il m'a sauvé!
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!
- › Il m'a béni! (*He blessed me!*)
- » **Il m'a béni!**
- › Il m'a béni!
- » **Il m'a béni!**
Il m'a béni, alléluia!
Il m'a béni, alléluia!
- › Il m'a lavé! (*He washed me!*)
- » **Il m'a lavé!**
- › Il m'a lavé!
- » **Il m'a lavé!**
Il m'a lavé, alléluia!
Il m'a lavé, alléluia!
- › Il m'a aimé! (*He loved me!*)
- » **Il m'a aimé!**
- › Il m'a aimé!
- » **Il m'a aimé!**
- › Il m'a pardonné! (*He forgave me!*)
- » **Il m'a pardonné!**
- › Il m'a pardonné!
- » **Il m'a pardonné!**
- › Il m'a sanctifié! (*He sanctified me!*)
- » **Il m'a sanctifié!**
- › Il m'a sanctifié!
- » **Il m'a sanctifié!**
- › Il m'a sauvé! (*He saved me!*)
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
- › Il m'a sauvé!
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
- › Il m'a sauvé!
- » **Il m'a sauvé!**
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!
Il m'a sauvé, alléluia!

"BLEST ARE THEY" | #117 IN THE HYMNAL

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.*

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God.

Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.

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.

"FOR GOD ALONE I WAIT" (HOPSON) | 8:45 SERVICE

For God alone I wait.
I wait in silence. I wait in silence.

SILENT CONFESSION

The Lord is steadfast, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.

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!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | MEYERS HEAH (11:00 SERVICE)

Meyers Grace Meiya Heah is the daughter of Craig and Heather Heah (Grove parish). Rob and Kathie Cox are representing the Session as the elders holding the font. Jessie Allen is the prayer sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | EVERETT SCHMIDT (11:00 SERVICE)

Everett Fitzwilliam Schmidt is the son of Brennan and Sarah Elizabeth Schmidt. Kathy White is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Blair Bigelow 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 these parents as they seek to raise their children 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

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 Kip Hart and the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at VCU as they seek to build a witnessing community of students and faculty who grow as followers of Jesus Christ, impacting the campus and the world.

UPDATE ON THE RENEW CAMPAIGN

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at 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

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 SAMUEL 15:10–23

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

SERMON | “THE KING FALTERS: OPPORTUNISTIC LEADERSHIP”

RESPONDING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

SENDING

“PSALM 62 (MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE)”

My soul finds rest in God alone,
My rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
And lies like arrows pierce me,
I’ll fix my heart on righteousness;
I’ll look to him who hears me.

*O praise him, hallelujah,
My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing,
My Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone
Amid the world’s temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold
I’ll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
Don’t set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven.

I’ll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul
And he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure;
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am his forever!

*Oh praise him, oh praise him,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | HEBREWS 10:14, 22–25

- › By one sacrifice Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. Let us therefore draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
- » **Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**
- › And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,
- » **But encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

POSTLUDE