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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

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" (MICHAEL PRAETORIUS)

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" | #551 IN THE HYMNAL

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,
And shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind so wild and strong,
White clouds that sail in heaven along,
Alleluia, alleluia!

New rising dawn in praise rejoice;
You lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part;
Alleluia, alleluia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

"JESUS, YOUR MERCY"

Jesus, your mercy is all my plea.
I have no defense, my guilt runs too deep.
The best of my works pierced your hands and your feet.
Jesus, your mercy is all my plea!

Jesus, your mercy is all my boast.
The goodness I claim, the grounds of my hope.
Whatever I lack, it's still what I need most.
Jesus, your mercy is all my boast!

*Praise the King who bore my sin,
Took my place when I stood condemned.
Oh, how good you've always been to me.
I will sing of your mercy.*

Jesus, your mercy is all my rest.
When fears weigh me down and enemies press,
A comfort I cling to in life and in death.
Jesus, your mercy is all my rest!

Jesus, your mercy is all my joy.
Forever I'll lift my heart and my voice,
To sing of a treasure no power can destroy.
Jesus, your mercy is all my joy!

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!
Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
Nor on human help depend.
They shall die, to dust returning;
All their thoughts and plans shall end.

Happy are the ones professing
Jacob's God to be their aid.
They are blest whose hope of blessing
On the LORD their God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the LORD created,
Seas and all that they contain.
He delivers from oppression;
Righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
Makes the sightless eyes to see.
God our Savior loves the righteous,
And the stranger he befriends,
Helps the orphan and the widow,
Judgment on the wicked sends.

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!
Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever;
Through all ages he is King.
Unto him, your God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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, 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!**

SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION | 8:45 SERVICE

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 Colin and Norma Peckham with Artists in Christian Testimony International and their ministry in South Africa and Scotland. They work with local churches, organizations and prisons to present evangelistic outreach events, and events aimed at church unity using choirs, bands, orchestras and dramatic presentations.

“HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER” | 8:45 SERVICE

God is my shepherd; I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting.
He makes me rest in fields of green with quiet streams.
Even though I walk through the valley of death and dying
I will not fear, 'cause you are with me, you are with me.

Your shepherd's staff comforts me.

You are my feast in the presence of enemies.
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me
In the house of God forever.

“A RESTING PLACE” (MCDONALD) | 11:00 SERVICE

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed;
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.
Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the word, the written word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood.
My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood was shed, for me his life he gave.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Thank you, Jesus, for Calvary's grace,
Where my faith has found a resting place.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

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 17:31-47

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

SERMON | “A KING AFTER GOD'S GLORY”

RESPONDING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

SENDING

“HE WILL HOLD ME FAST”

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | EPHESIANS 6:10-13

- › Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- » **Therefore let us put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, we may be able to stand our ground, and after we have done everything, to stand.**

“COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING” (PAUL LAUBENGAYER)