



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

REVOLUTION
OF THE KING

Sunday | March 19, 2017

THE LOST ARE FOUND

Third Sunday of Lent

"You have loved us first, O God, alas!
We speak of it in terms of history
as if You have only loved us first but a single time,
rather than that without ceasing
You have loved us first many times
and every day and our whole life through."

Søren Kierkegaard

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

*Third Church exists to spread the gospel and seek
the Shalom of metro Richmond and the world through
a movement of communities and congregations,
welcoming people of all cultures to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

Lenten Sanctuary Decorations

As Lent began on Ash Wednesday, we continue to remember that followers of Jesus “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.

Our banners of royal purple ribbons were introduced during Advent to reflect the way we can rejoice in the signs of new creation while acknowledging that many signs of hope still seem fractured, dim, and obscured by the present world. Now, in a season focused on remembering the suffering of Jesus on our behalf—and for repentance and self-reflection of our own sins for which he died—we have added additional layers of gray and brown and gauze to represent Jesus’ rejection and submission to the pain of the world. Because we grieve together as one body of Christ and not just as individuals, our banners also include strips of printed and painted cloth made together by participants in our Journey to the Cross meditation service last year—a response with hands and hearts as well as minds to the sacrifice made by Jesus.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"Fugue in C Major"
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 19:14

Leader: May the words of our mouths
And the meditations of our hearts
Be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

People: Amen.

Let's quiet our hearts in silent preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 115

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be glory,

People: For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!

Leader: The idols of the people are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak, eyes, but do not see.
They have ears, but do not hear, feet, but do not walk.
Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

**People: But we trust in the Lord!
He is our help and our shield!**

**Everyone: We will bless the Lord from this time forth
and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

† *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Come, Thou Almighty King" #5 in the Hymnal
"Fights for Me"

(See music on following pages)

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

FIGHTS FOR ME



I will sing_____ and the heav - ens will list - en.
I re - lied_____ on the pow'r_____ of my sav - ior
When I think_____ of the good - ness of Je - sus



I will call_____ on the name_____ of all names._____
and he rode_____ on the wings_____ of the wind._____
and_ all_____ that he's done_____ for me,_____



And my King_____ will an - swer by fi - re and con -
And he gave_____ me his shield of sal - va - tion and in
my_ soul_____ cries out_____ with prais - es: "Thank



sume my en - e - mies._____ For my God_____ he
him I gain my strength._____
God for sav - ing me!"_____



fights for_ me._____
And he is strong_____ when I am_ weak.

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— And I don't have__ to move a mus - cle I don't

wor-ry a-bout a thing.__ For_ my_ God,__ he fights for me.

— For_ my God he fights for me.__

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We praise you, Holy God, for your steadfast love given to us in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Hold us by your grace, even as we have sinned against it and marred our relationship with you and our neighbor.
We repent of our sins and long for you to restore us.

**People: In your great love come, cleanse, heal and help us,
that we may live out our days
To the praise of your grace
and to the glory of your Holy Name.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort

From 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you through his poverty might become rich.

People: Thanks be to God!

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Scott and JoAnn Armistead as they reach out with the gospel to internationals in the area and as Scott directs the ministry of the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

Offertory

"I Am Not My Own"

Sanctuary Choir

8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services

(Courtney)

I am not my own, I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together,
In eternal life He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.

I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him, I belong to Him,
In life, in death, my only comfort,
I belong to Him, I will live for Him.

Forever and ever, forever and ever, forevermore.

Offertory

Interview with the Armistead Family

10:00 a.m.

† Doxology

Please stand as we sing to the Lord.

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

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Prayers of the People

Refrain



You hear us call, you hear us call, Ab - ba, Fath - er. _____



Lord, have mer - cy, _____ Christ, have mer - cy; _____



_____ Lord, have mer - cy, _____ Christ, have mer - cy.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Linda Ludlow, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Katherine Crocker, Amy Boyd, Loma Shafer, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

For Comfort

Deaths – Betsy McCray (father, 3/13), Betsy Lohr (mother, 3/8), Etta Lawrence (husband Allen, 3/8), Malachi Mills (father, 2/27), Parker Hale (mother, 2/21), Jim and Jane Fields (grandson, 2/17), Kyle Tobias (2/5), Listwella Donaldson (brother, 1/27), Elizabeth Cole (sister, 1/16), Gloria Price (brother, 12/31), Mary Caudill (grandson, 12/2016), Lynn Hardwicke (husband, Warren, 12/18), Jonathan Shouse (mother, 12/17)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff; for hospitals, nursing homes and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

Missionary Prayer and Care groups meet monthly to pray for our mission partners in Europe, Asia and the Muslim world. Contact Carolyn Oakley (cdoakley1@gmail.com/937-6564) to learn more.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"



1. There's a wide - ness in___ God's_ mer - cy
2. There's no place_ where earth - en___ sor - rows
3. For the love___ of God___ is___ broad - er



like the wide - ness of___ the___ sea._____
are more felt than up___ in___ Heav'n._____
than the meas - ure of___ our___ mind._____




There's a kind - ness in___ his___ jus - tice,
There's no place_ where earth - ly___ fail - ings
And the heart___ of the___ E - ter - nal




which is more than li - ber - ty._____
have for - give - ness free - ly___ given._____
is most won - der - ful - ly___ kind._____



There's a wel - come for___ the___ sin - ner
There is plen - ti - ful___ re - demp - tion
If our love___ were but___ more___ faith - ful



and more grac - es for the good.
 in the blood that has been shed.
 we should take him at his word;



There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior,
 There is joy for all the mem - bers
 and our lives would be thanks - giv - ing



there is heal - ing in his blood.
 in the sor - rows of the Head.
 for the good - ness of the Lord.

ending



for the good - ness of the Lord.

† **Commission**

From Jude 24-25

Leader: To him who is able to keep you from falling
and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with
great joy—

**People: To the only God our Savior be glory,
majesty, power, and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all ages, now and forevermore!**

† **Benediction**

Postlude

"All Glory Be to God on High"
(Michael Burkhardt)

Jeff Hummel

11:15 a.m. service

If you would like prayer for any reason, two elders are available at the front of the Sanctuary (by the lectern) after each service. We invite you to come forward for any prayer needs you may have.

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in memory of Carl S. Long and in honor of the marriage of Audra Long and Graham Bodie, who were married in the Sanctuary on March 18, 2017.

NEWS & EVENTS

Traditional Sexuality, Radical Community: A Forum with Wes Hill – Saturday, April 1

Join us for this half-day forum with writer, speaker and Professor of Biblical Studies, Wes Hill, as we explore why the historic Christian sexual ethic still holds in our current context through the support of radical community. The forum will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. till noon, and is free to all! Much more info at: thirdrva.org/events.

Mosaic Ministry: Brunch for Families of "Spirited Kids" – Sunday, March 26, 11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Calling all "Spirited Kids" and those who love them! Some of our children may be struggling in school, some of us concerned about social issues. Maybe there's a diagnosed condition — or maybe not. Here's your opportunity to share ideas about how our church can serve you and our community better. Join us for brunch and casual conversation. RSVP at thirdrva.org/events.

Women's Ministry Morning of Service – Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join the women of Third as we participate in service activities throughout the city. We'll meet for coffee and a group devotional at the church, then break into smaller service groups on and off-site. There are a wide variety of options that will appeal to all. More info and to sign up: thirdrva.org/events. Questions? Contact Kate Mendez (kate.g.mendez@gmail.com).

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Info Meeting – Sunday, March 26 after all services

Find out which curriculum we have chosen for our summer VBS program and how you can volunteer to be a part of this fantastic ministry! Each year we host 250 children and share the good news of Jesus Christ with them, but we can't do that without our amazing volunteers!

Passover Seder with the Christian Arabic Church – Sunday, April 2, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

The Christian Arabic Church has invited their Third friends to attend a special Passover Seder that will be held in both English and Arabic on April 2. Messianic rabbi Paul Klassen will lead our time together. Join us!

NEWS & EVENTS

Officer Nominations for 2018

This month is the time for you to make nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Please prayerfully consider those that you think God would have lead us in 2018 and beyond, and submit those nominations to the Nominating Committee by April 2. Nomination forms can be found in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and at thirdrva.org/leadership-and-staff.

Third Emergency Medical Response Team – Recruiting Volunteers Now!

The Trustees are in the early stages of forming a medical response team of Third members with appropriate medical experience for possible in-house medical emergencies during Sunday services. Please contact Pam Douglas (pamela.douglas15@icloud.com) or Bobbie Crowell (bobbie@nomedsforme.com) for more info or to help out.

Parent and Child Communion Class – Sun., April 2, 10:00 a.m., Choir Room

Is your child ready to take communion? Pastor Corey Widmer will talk to parents and their children about the meaning of communion and how to know when your child is ready. This class is for parents and their children to attend together. Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare materials! RSVP: traciem@thirdrva.org.

Great Escape 2017: Middle School Summer Trip – July 24-29

The Great Escape Johnstown is a week packed full of fellowship and fun at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for students who have completed 7th or 8th grade. Registration deadline, April 1. Cost \$525. www.thirdrva.org/events.

Parent-to-Parent Coffee and Conversation – Thurs., April 6, 7 p.m., Room 132

At the conclusion of both the 5-week Real Sex class and our Student Ministry series on sex and sexuality, this is an opportunity for parents to gather, to speak candidly and to share their struggles and strategies as they raise their children. Please let us know if you're coming by emailing Tracie (traciem@thirdrva.org).

Women's Coffee and Conversation – Tues., March 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Parlor

Drop by and meet some new women at Third over coffee. Casual. Childcare available by emailing Kathy White: kathyw@thirdrva.org.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for our adult Sunday morning discipleship classes **during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour.**

For more information on the classes below, visit: thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship.
Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

New!

Loving Our Neighbor

A 4-week class

Room change for March 19:

Student ministry area

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 215

Sermon Chat

Does not meet today, March 19.

Forgiving and Reconciling: Bridges to Wholeness and Hope

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Did Our Hearts Not Burn Within Us? A Study of Luke

Room 213

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE:

All of our children's Sunday morning discipleship classes take place during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour. Visit thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning for information on where the classes will be.

DURING 8:45 AND 11:15 A.M. SERVICES:

Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is located near the Student Ministry area in Room 132.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Eat at Pie Five (at Willow Lawn) on Sundays from now through June, mention you're with Third, and they'll donate 10% of proceeds to our high school summer mission trip!

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.
600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area
10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, March 19

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Welcome Coffee – Parlor

10:00 a.m. Baptism class for first-time parents – Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Nominations Committee mtg. – Upstairs Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.

Monday, March 20

5:30 p.m. Endowment dinner and meeting – Kitchen/Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

6:00 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

7:00 p.m. Muslim World missionary care and prayer – meets at Laurie Chalifoux' home,
10801 Whitaker Woods Rd., Richmond, 23238, 543-0361

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 a.m. Women's Group, "Ruth" – Room 213

9:30 a.m. Women's Coffee and Conversation – Parlor

6:30 p.m. Nan Clarke's dinner study group – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

Wednesday, March 22

5:30 p.m. Recovering Community – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

6:30 p.m. Real Sex: God's Design for Sexuality in an Age of Confusion – Multipurpose
Room, 500 Forest Ave.

6:45 p.m. ESL/Arabic Tutoring – Various classrooms

6:45 p.m. Club 56 meeting – Basement

6:45 p.m. Children's Choir – Choir Room

Thursday, March 23

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

Friday, March 24

6:00 p.m. That Great Dance – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Women's spring day of service event – On and off-site

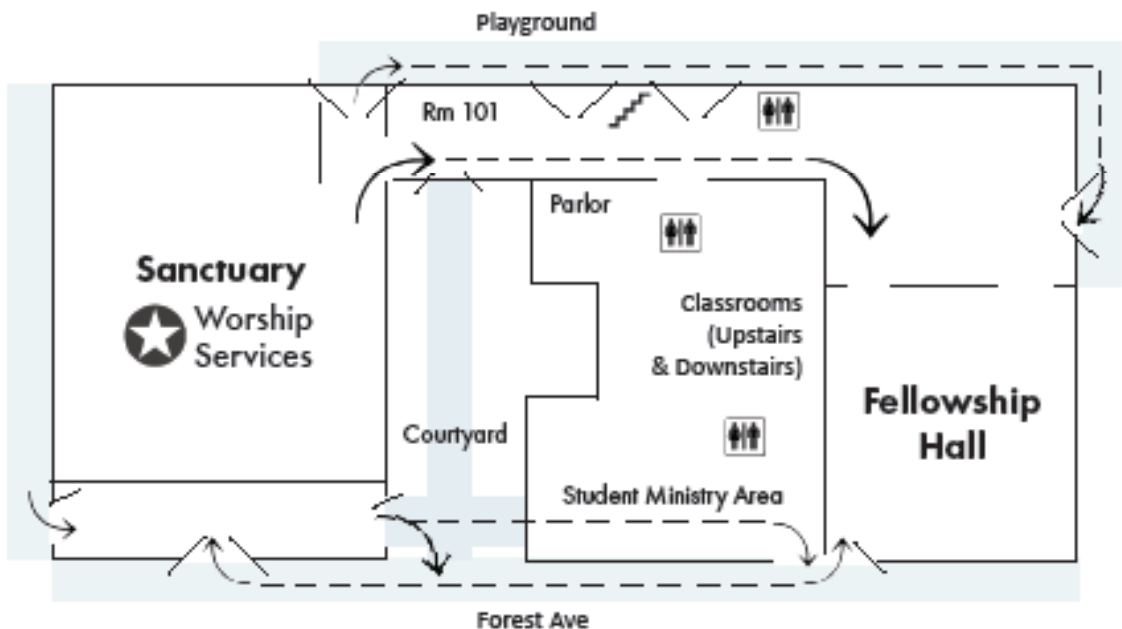
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. We have a couple opportunities for you to connect with us and help you find out more about Third.

- **Sign up for emails:** thirdrva.org/signup
- **Pick up Third Press:** Our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva
- **Today! Join us for our Welcome Coffee:** 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Start here to learn more about Third!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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