ORDERING THE WORLD IN LOVE

“In nothing has the Church so lost her hold on reality as her failure to understand and respect the secular vocation. She has allowed work and religion to become separate departments, and is astonished to find that, as a result, the secular work of the world is turned to purely selfish and destructive ends, and that the greater part of the world’s intelligent workers have become irreligious or at least uninterested in religion…. But is it astonishing? How can any one remain interested in a religion which seems to have no concern with nine-tenths of his life?”

Dorothy Sayers
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.
Ordinary Time 2017

As followers of Jesus, we “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.

We have spent the half year from Advent to Pentecost walking through the whole story of Jesus. Trinity Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.
GATHERING
God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude
"O God Beyond All Praising"
(arr. Eric Thiman)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship
From Psalm 95
Leader: The Lord is a great God;
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Everyone: Amen!

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

† The cross indicates standing, as you are able.
Call to Worship

Leader: Let the fishers and farmers bless you, great God, the gardeners sing your praise. May the cooks and servers bless you, Beloved,

People: Praise your name and glorify you forever.

Leader: Let the healers and caregivers bless you, great God, the mental health workers sing your praise. May the firemen, policemen and EMTs bless you, Beloved,

People: Praise your name and glorify you forever.

Leader: Let the creators of wealth bless you, great God, the entrepreneurs sing your praise. May the unemployed and underemployed bless you, Beloved,

People: Praise your name and glorify you forever.

Leader: Let the artists and artisans bless you, great God, the musicians and dancers sing your praise. May the writers and poets bless you, Beloved,

People: Praise your name and glorify you forever.

Leader: Let the scientists and scholars bless you, great God, the engineers and architects sing your praise. May the fixers and builders bless you, Beloved,

People: Praise your name and glorify you forever.

Leader: Let the teachers and mentors bless you, great God, the attorneys and judges sing your praise. May the pastors and missionaries bless you. Beloved,

People: Praise your name and glorify you forever.

Leader: Let all who work with their minds, hearts and hands bless you, great God.

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
          Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" #99 in the Hymnal
"Our Great God"
(See music on following page)
When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,
When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
When this sweet chant they hear,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th’eternal song
Through all the ages long,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
OUR GREAT GOD

1. Eternal God, unchanging,
mysterious and unknown;
our boundless love, unfa

2. Lord, we are weak and frail,
helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your an
gels,

3. Let every creature in the sea
and every flying bird,
your every mountain, every field

--- grace and mercy shown.
--- hold us in your arms;
and valley of the earth;

Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
our cold and ruthless ene
let all the moons and all the stars

a round your glorious throne;
his pleasure is our harm.
in all the universe
they raise their voices day and night
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
sing praises to the living God
in praise to you alone.
before our sov’rign God.
who rules them by his word.

CHORUS

Hal le lu jah! Glory
be to our great God!

Hal le lu jah! Glory
be to our great God!
CONFESSING
God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Everyone: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From Lamentations 3:22-24

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

† Greeting of Peace
THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings
Pray for Gina Maio, Head of School, and Church Hill Academy, a faith-based non-profit high school for at-risk Church Hill youth, dedicated to helping students achieve academic success, develop positive character and to experience God's grace and love through their interactions with staff.

Offertory
"We Labor Unto Glory"
(See music on following page)

† 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.
WE LABOR UNTO GLORY

My God, my God, where e’er I go, glory.
The sun, it rises, then goes down, glory.
My hands, my heart, they’re kingdom bound, glory.

Where I reap and where I sow, glory.
The rain it falls and beats the ground, glory.
Where thorns no more infest the ground, glory.

When my hand, it grips the thorn, glory.
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glory.
Trim the wick and light the flame, glory.

In the still and in the storm, glory.
And hearts, they burn beneath your gaze, glory.
My work, it will not be in vain, glory.

O we labor unto glory when heaven and earth are one, O we labor unto glory, until God’s kingdom comes.
PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1, 27, 31

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening,and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2:19

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 3:17

17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.”

Colossians 1:19-20

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Revelation 21:2-3

2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!
Message:
Ordering the World in Love
Working with God for Our Neighbors
+ Justin Earley +

Notes:
RESPONDING

We respond to God’s word.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is 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 of 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.

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.

— Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.
Prayer Needs

For Health
Mike Flynn, Evi Burgin, Jonathan Shouse, Greyson Tate, Emily Oostdyk, Carol Macomber, Listwella Donaldson, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Amy Boyd, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For Comfort
Deaths – Mike Lohr (father, 8/20), Robert Luck (grandfather), Zach James (father, 7/28), Anne Elam (husband Ray, 7/25), Carol Holt (7/19), Allene Brown (father, 7/15), Mack Cornett (mother, 7/16), John White (father, 7/12), Willson Brockenbrough (mother, 7/12)

For Metro Richmond
We pray for schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all superintendents, school boards, school administrators, PTA’s, teachers, students and staff.

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.
Communion Song

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Summer Choir

(Manz)

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Prayers of the People

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

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

Song of Commission

"All Who Love and Serve Your City" (Sung to NETTLETON)
(Eric Routley)

All who love and serve your city,
All who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice,
All who curse and all who bless,
In your day of loss and sorrow,
In your day of helpless strife,
Honor, peace, and love retreating,
Seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wrath and plenty,
Wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the words of Jesus,
"I must work while it is day."
For all days are days of judgment,
And the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns him,
Offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! shall yet the city
Be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;
Be its name, "The Lord is there!"
Make us worthy, humble servants
To those living in despair.
Give them, through our hands, provision,
Divine love, joy, peace and care.
**Commission**

Leader: Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

People: Giving thanks to God the Father through him!

(We now invite you to place your hand on or extend your hand to the person to your left, as a prayer for their specific vocation.)

Leader: For this image bearer of the Almighty in the vocation they undertake, Lord, we thank you and bless you for their contribution to your world. We pray that you would strengthen their hands and refresh their hearts as they return tomorrow to the vocation you have placed them in, knowing that in everything they do, you can be known and made glorified. This world and everything within it is yours, O God. We commit your creation and the vocations that uphold it into your hands.

(sung) Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**Benediction**

Postlude "Let All Together Praise Our God" Jeff Hummel
11:15 a.m. service (J. S. Bach)

**SERVICE NOTES**

*Today's flowers are given* in honor of our mission partner Gina Maio, Head of School, and Church Hill Academy, a faith-based non-profit high school for at-risk Church Hill youth, dedicated to helping students achieve academic success, develop positive character and to experience God's grace and love through their interactions with staff.
FALL KICKOFF AT THIRD: SEPTEMBER 10
Sunday discipleship classes for adults, students, and children kick off on September 10 during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour.

AN UPDATE ON OUR ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
This year, we’re trying something different! We’re organizing our Sunday morning classes around consistent “terms” so that anyone who wants to join a class knows when they can join and how long they can be a part of it. To take it a step further, we want to make sure we’re offering classes that span our Up/In/Out rhythms. Meaning, we want options for learning how to deepen your relationship with God, deepen your relationships with others, and deepen your care and service to the rest of the world.

So if you’ve never joined us for a class, there has never been a better time. Have questions? Contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

For full class descriptions, visit: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

Doing God’s Justice in a Hurting World
We will learn about the biblical foundations of justice, and what it means to “do” justice. We’ll also hear from a local mission partner each week about how we can each become more involved in doing justice in Richmond.
Fellowship Hall
Sept. 10 - Nov. 27

The Meaning of the Cross
This three-week series will focus on the significance of Jesus’ death, which Paul calls "the very power of God." We will explore the unique resources of the cross for facing the world around us.
Room 213
Sept. 10, 17, 24

Financial Stewardship & Generosity: Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University
We all need a plan for our money and God wants us to have financial peace. This class will teach you to create a budget, pay off debt, spend and save wisely, and give generously! Try us out on September 10; our class starts the next week.
Sign up: thirdrva.org/events
Room 215
Sept. 10 - Nov. 27
**Reflections on the Reformation**
*Our History, Our Hope, Our Heartbreak*
Five hundred years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, an act usually associated with the beginning of the Reformation. Come to find out about the early days of Protestantism, and what it still means for us today.
*Room 213*  
*Oct. 1-Nov. 27*

**Think for a Change:**
*Wisdom from the Proverbs*
We'll study the Proverbs each week in a topical way, and consider how the most important thing about you is what you think about God.
*Room 217*  
*Sept. 10-Nov. 27*

**A Study of Galatians**
We'll look at how this key book of the Bible helps our understanding of God, the meaning of grace, and how God's grace passes from God through us.

**Unlocking Your Family Pattern:**
*Finding Freedom from a Hurtful Past*
We are a diverse community seeking God's healing and wholeness for the brokenness in our lives and families through safe, authentic Christian relationships.
*500 Forest Avenue, Room 109*  
*Sept. 10-Nov. 27*

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** During 10:00 a.m. worship hour

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Newcomers Class – Begins September 10
Our Newcomers Class is our chance to get to know you and provide an opportunity for you to learn about Third’s vision for discipleship, community, and outreach. At the end of the class, you can decide if God is calling you to membership. Our class starts Sunday morning, September 10, and then meets again the next weekend. For all the details and to sign up, visit: thirdrva.org/newcomers.

Today! Welcome Party for College Students - 2:30 p.m.
Third’s College Ministry is having a get-together this afternoon. This will be a great chance for those coming back to school, or living in Richmond for the first time, to get to know some other college students around the Third community. Lunch is provided! If you’re a college student, we’d love to see you there. Address: 1 Huntley Rd. Questions? Text Phillip Yelverton, (540) 604-1424, phillipy@thirdrva.org.

Welcome, College Students!
We are so glad you were with us today, and would love to meet you. Please fill out the friendship pad with your contact information, then look for Phillip, our college intern, who will be in the narthex behind the Sanctuary after the services! We’d love to connect with you.

Jobs For Life – Last Call!
The Jobs for Life training program is a 12-week, relationship-centered jobs training program. Each student is teamed with a "champion" who will walk through the class and the months following as they journey from unemployment to employment, or from underemployment to better employment. Our next class kicks off on September 11 and there’s a spot for everyone to help out. Visit our table in the Steeple Corridor, or visit thirdrva.org/jobsforlife for more info and to get involved. Contact Ginger James (gingerjames1@icloud.com; 647-5348).

The Church Abroad and the Church in Our Backyard: A Conference with Tharwat Wahba – Fri. and Sat., Sept. 15 and 16, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
This conference, taught by a professor of Missiology from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, will look at how the church abroad in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt, affects our church here in Richmond and the United States. It is also the perfect opportunity to learn more about what our CAC friends and their families have experienced—persecution, Muslim extremism, a refugee crisis, prejudice, and much more.
NEWS & EVENTS

Haiti Recap Luncheon - Sunday, September 10, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Were you praying for the Haiti team while they were gone? Have you always wondered what the trip is actually like? Well, come to this trip recap meeting luncheon to hear stories, watch footage, and see photos of how God worked on this year's Haiti trip! We'll provide a traditional Haitian lunch, and different team members will share about the impact of the trip. Questions? Contact L.J. Jaworski (lj@thirdrva.org).

Club 56 Dinner – Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Fifth and 6th grade students and their families are invited to the Club 56 Kick-Off Dinner. We’ll talk about the vision of Club 56, meet the Sunday school teaching team, and talk about what is happening with your children during these middle years. Please RSVP to Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org) by September 6.

Stay in the Loop With Our Children’s and Student Ministries!
Did you know that Children’s Ministry and Student Ministry send out regular email communications? We do! And if you have a child from infant through high school senior, we want you to stay updated on all of the things happening at Third. If you aren’t receiving these emails, please send us your info: Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) for infant through kindergarten, Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) for 1st through 6th grade, and Andrea Woie (andreaw@thirdrva.org) for 7th through 12th grade.

Tutors Needed!
The new school year is right around the corner and the Homework Tutoring program for Arabic-speaking students will begin on September 20. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. I am in need of at least 20 new tutors this year to help with the influx of families that have recently arrived here. Can you help?! To sign up or get more information contact Andi Redmond at andir@thirdrva.org.

Sunday Morning Hospitality – Sign up to serve!
We need people to help with hospitality on Sunday mornings - greeting, ushering, and preparing coffee and snacks. It’s a great (and easy) way to get involved, meet some new people and welcome people to Third. If you are interested, contact Robert Luck at luckfamilyrva@gmail.com and let him know which service hour you are available.
SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

All of our adult Sunday morning discipleship classes (except for the one below) are on break until our fall kick-off on September 10.

Be on the lookout for info on new classes and opportunities that we'll be offering this fall. If you've never been a part of a Sunday morning discipleship class, it's a great time to start!

Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

The Meaning of the Liturgy - 10:00 a.m., Room 101
We will explore the history behind each element of our worship services and equip the class with a deeper understanding of why we worship the way we do at Third Church. We hope you’ll join us as we dive into the global history of baptism, communion, confession, and more. This class will end September 3. Hosted by the Good News Fellowship class. All are welcome!
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

Summer 2017
Learn more about our family ministry on the website (www.thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning). Questions? Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) for infants - kindergarten and Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) for 1st - 6th grade.

8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services – Childcare available for all children ages kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

STUDENT MINISTRY

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, September 3**
8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Praying for Our Nation – Room 101

**Monday, September 4 - Church Office closed for Labor Day**

**Tuesday, September 5**
9:00 a.m. CBS Training – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Muslim World prayer group meeting – meets at Laurie Chalifoux' home,
          10801 Whitaker Woods Road, Richmond, 23238, 543-0361

**Thursday, September 7**
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary

**Friday, September 8**
1:00 p.m. Day by Dayers meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
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 our ministry 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

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.
Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:37-40. Introduction: 1. Today’s sermons will be among the simplest to preach and to hear, but they are not the easiest to practice. 2. Last Sunday I warned you with the fear of Gal 6:5-8 and gave you the hope of Gal 6:4; but we also saw the instruction of Gal 6:1-3 and 6:9-10. Let us study this doctrine, which is the law of perfectness in Christ. I Am Third. 05/30/2019. See All News. His friendship with Bears teammate Brian Piccolo, who died of cancer in 1970, inspired Sayers to write his autobiography, I Am Third, which in turn was the basis for the 1971 made-for-TV movie Brians Song. Sayers was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1977 at age 34, and remains the youngest person to receive the honor.