

أهلاً وسهلاً

(WELCOME!)

This morning we're welcoming friends from our sister church El Sharabia in Cairo, Egypt who are visiting us here in Richmond!

Today's special worship service will incorporate English and Arabic.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 100:1-3

إِهْتَفِي لِلرَّبِّ يَا كُلَّ الْأَرْضِ اعْبُدُوا الرَّبَّ بِفَرَحٍ.

(Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness!)

Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

هُوَ صَنَعَنَا، وَلَهُ نَحْنُ شَعْبُهُ وَعَنَّمُ مَرَعَاهُ.

(It is he who made us, and we are his.)

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

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

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

What can wash away our sins?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GREETING OF PEACE

سلام الرب معك

Salam El rab Maa'k

(Peace of the Lord be with you)

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.

OFFERTORY

هَلِّلُويا. سَبِّحُوا اِللهَ فِي قُدْسِهِ

"Hallelujah Sabeho Allah fe kodsehe"

"Praise God in His Sanctuary" (Psalm 150)

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING

لَأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ حَتَّى بَدَّلَ ابْنَهُ الْوَحِيدَ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ
كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونُ لَهُ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ
إِنْجِيلُ يُوْحَنَّا ٣: ١٦

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

– John 3:16

وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «اذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْعَالَمِ أَجْمَعِ وَاكْرِزُوا بِالْإِنْجِيلِ لِلْخَلِيقَةِ كُلِّهَا
إِنْجِيلُ مَرْقُسَ ١٦: ١٥

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

– Mark 16:15

SERMON (FAKHRI YACOUB)

كله العالم
"The Whole World!"

INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR SAMUEL

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.

God, our Father, **hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.

You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home.

God, our Father, **hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.

By his Incarnation—**you have found us.**

By his Death—**you have forgiven us.**

By his Resurrection—**you have freed us.**

God, our Father, **hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he, blessed is he

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood.

By your Holy Spirit make us—**one with Christ,**
one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,

Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.

We cry, **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

إِنَّ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ فِي اللَّيْلَةِ الَّتِي أُسْلِمَ فِيهَا، أَخَذَ خُبْزًا وَشَكَرَ فَكَسَّرَ، وَقَالَ: «خُذُوا كُلُوا هَذَا هُوَ جَسَدِي الْمَكْسُورُ لِأَجْلِكُمْ. اصْنَعُوا هَذَا لِذِكْرِي». كَذَلِكَ الْكَاسَ أَيْضًا بَعْدَمَا تَعَشَّوْا، قَائِلًا: «هَذِهِ الْكَاسُ هِيَ الْعَهْدُ الْجَدِيدُ بِدَمِي. اصْنَعُوا هَذَا كُلَّمَا شَرِبْتُمْ لِذِكْرِي». «فَإِنَّكُمْ كُلَّمَا أَكَلْتُمْ هَذَا الْخُبْزَ وَشَرِبْتُمْ هَذِهِ الْكَاسَ، تُخْبِرُونَ بِمَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَى أَنْ يَجِيءَ».

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

FOR OUR GUESTS

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

Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman

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.

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" (ROUSE)

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 ○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.
Let us drink the cup together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 ○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 ○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together; let us drink the cup together;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
 ○ Lord, have mercy on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

DOXOLOGY

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM PSALM 22:27

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Join us between our morning services today to grab some coffee or tea downstairs and visit with a friend. Also, consider checking out one of the options listed below:

People of the Word: Exodus

Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary VanBrocklin, Paul White and Dave Beckmann

Join us for a deep study of the book of Exodus and the story of a holy God's pursuit, deliverance and establishment of his chosen people.

CLASSROOM A/B

Discover the Bible: Galatians

Led by Becky Bowers and Rick Hutton

This class will explore the letter of Galatians and the freedom we have in Christ. This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

CLASSROOM C/D

Prayer Room

Our prayer room is open to all those who need a place to pray or desire to join with others to pray for each other, the life and mission of the church, and our world.

CLASSROOM F

Intergenerational Wisdom

Led by Drew Cleveland

There is much to learn from one another's experiences of the world and God's grace. Join us as we hear a different story from a different generation each week.

CLASSROOM G

Missions & Prayer

Led by the Missions Team

Join us for stories and current questions from mission partners and faithful saints as we learn to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

CLASSROOM H

Metamorphosis: On Loneliness

Led by Mary Damon and Tom Ebel

Join this safe community of curious souls for an open and honest conversation about loneliness, centered on Dr. Mark Mayfield's *The Path Out of Loneliness*.

CLASSROOM I (DOWNSTAIRS)

Third Kids

Each Sunday we offer childcare during the services for infants through kindergarten; older kids worship with their parents. Then at 10:00 a.m. we have a dedicated Sunday school hour where our kids meet in age-specific classrooms to learn, sing, and read the Bible together.

CHILDCARE

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

During our worship services, childcare is available for children *kindergarten and younger*.

Infants, Toddlers, and Little Lambs are in their dedicated classrooms.

Little Lions—Kindergarten are meeting in the Little Lions classroom.

FOLLOWING THE 8:45 SERVICE

If you are planning to attend Sunday school after the service, your child will be escorted to their assigned classroom. Please notify your teacher on the sign-in sheet that your child will be attending Sunday school!

If you are not attending Sunday school, please pick up your children as soon as the service ends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 A.M.

All our Sunday school classes take place at 10:00 a.m.

- Infants through fourth grade: check your child in on the first floor.
- Grades 5–6: meet in the Club 56 room on the first floor.
- Grades 7–12: meet in the Student Ministry Lounge (Room E) on the second floor.

FAMILY ROOM

Looking for a private and quiet space to nurse your infant? Check out the Family Room on the first floor. Families with strollers can use the elevator by the Prayer Room, in the back corner of our space.

Prayer Needs

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our partners, the Christian Arabic Church (CAC) and El Sharabia in Cairo, Egypt. We have a sister-church relationship between our three churches that helps deepen our relationship with our brothers and sisters from Egypt. This partnership strengthens our Christian discipleship as we embrace the global church community.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the coming of God’s realm in metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions; to earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city; to express compassion and care for our natural environment.

FOR HEALTH

Judy Duarte, Erik Hendrickson, Susan Barr, Emily Oostdyk, Mary Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4); Parker Hale (father, 12/8); Alex Bruce (mother, 12/1); Brennan Morrissett (mother, 11/9), Mason Robinson (wife, Jean, 11/9)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Eva Hargrave Cave 12/7
Noa Callaghan Phillips 11/13
Andrew Berkley Frere 11/13

DEATHS

Evi Burgin 12/4
Gordon Sandridge 11/11
Jean Robinson 11/9

News & Events

TODAY! EGYPTIAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT & LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 4, 12:15 p.m.

A small group from our Egyptian sister church, El Sharabia, is with us in services today. Please join us afterwards for a celebratory luncheon. All are encouraged to attend! More information online.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

In our Ash Wednesday service, we confront the reality of our finitude, that from dust we came and to dust we will return. Join us for prayer, worship, reflection, and the imposition of ashes.



ASH WEDNESDAY OPEN PRAYER AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We're opening our Sanctuary for open prayer and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Drop by anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and invite friends, family, or neighbors.

LAMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Did you know there are many ways to practice lament? Come discover this ancient practice with us during the Lenten season. More info and sign-up online. Childcare available with registration.



FLOURISHING IN THE THIRD THIRD OF LIFE

Wednesdays, March 6 – April 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

What does it look like to flourish in the later seasons of life? This six-session course will help you understand how to flourish in the third third of your life. Bring your lunch and join for good teaching and great community.



MAKE AN OFFICER NOMINATION

We're seeking nominations for the roles of deacon, trustee, and elder from our Covenant Partners for the coming year. Who do you know who should serve in one of these ways? Learn more and nominate online.



Notes



renew

THE NEXT CHAPTER

The Renew Campaign was first launched in 2020 to address the urgent needs of our aging church home.

Today, we face the last hurdle: raising the last funds to finish the project and move back to our home.

Plan to come to a vision forum in the next few weeks to learn more about this next chapter of Renew.

Next Sunday, February 11, at 12:15 p.m.

LUNCH PROVIDED

Sunday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m.

SNACKS PROVIDED

We'll share more about the campaign during our services over the next two weeks. **On February 25, we'll recognize and pray over our financial commitments together.**



See renovation photos, floor plans, renderings, and FAQs at renew.thirdrva.org.