



Seeking the Light

Most people have the strength to hope and change because of love...This is why we gather in church each week, and why we sing and pray and reflect on scriptures together. We are not transformed by wisdom alone, or knowledge alone or the calming power of meditation and music. It is love that is at the heart of things, and you can't love by yourself.

Todd Weir
bloomingcactus (blog)

**The Worship of God
Third Sunday in Lent**

March 23, 2014

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence this morning. Third Church strives to be a faithful, open and inclusive congregation. We are a diverse people united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. We invite all who are seeking to live a life of Christian faith and discipleship to join us. If you are new to Third Church, the following information may be helpful.

Parking On Sunday mornings: Street parking is possible on both sides of East Avenue. On Sundays, the Arnold Park parking lot is available for handicap parking only. Other parking is available in the Meigs Street parking lot and can be found at:

- Jewish Community Federation (Sibley Place)
- Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts
- American Association of University Women
- Rochester Area Community Foundation
- Century Club (all on East Avenue)

In the event of a medical emergency, please notify an usher or staff member. An AED and first aid supplies are located in the hallway between the sanctuary and elevator.

Hearing Assistance: The Chapel and Sanctuary are equipped with induction loop systems. Use the "T-switch" of your hearing aid. If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please speak with an usher immediately.

An Elevator is located at the Parish House-Education Building junction to assist in accessibility.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located under the first row pews.

Child Care is available in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to age three.

Coffee Hour follows the 10:45am worship service. All are invited to this time of fellowship in the Celebration Center.

Pastoral Care needs may be communicated to Martha Langford.

More about Membership: If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks. Our next Exploring Membership dinner will take place June 8.

A WORD ABOUT THIS CHURCH

THIRD CHURCH participates in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Commitment to Peacemaking. Our intention is to pursue avenues of peace and justice for ourselves, our families and communities, for all people in the world in which we live. We seek to be agents of reconciliation.

THIRD CHURCH has joined with other Presbyterian congregations in declaring ourselves to be a "More Light" church. We are committed to the full participation of all persons in our church community without regard for sexual orientation, personal background or human condition.



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Preparation for Worship

We come to worship from a busy and noisy world. As we prepare to offer ourselves in praise and adoration of God, it is important that we step back from our preoccupations and focus our thoughts on God. We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and pagers. As the music begins this morning, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

* *Stand as you are able*

PRELUDE "Allegretto" Mozart/Moore
"Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish Folk Melody
Arr. Doriene Halveson
Chapel Bells

* DOXOLOGY *(PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS)* OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* CALL to WORSHIP from Psalm 95

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
PEOPLE: **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
LEADER: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
PEOPLE: **Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
LEADER: O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
PEOPLE: **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture.**

* HYMN 446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

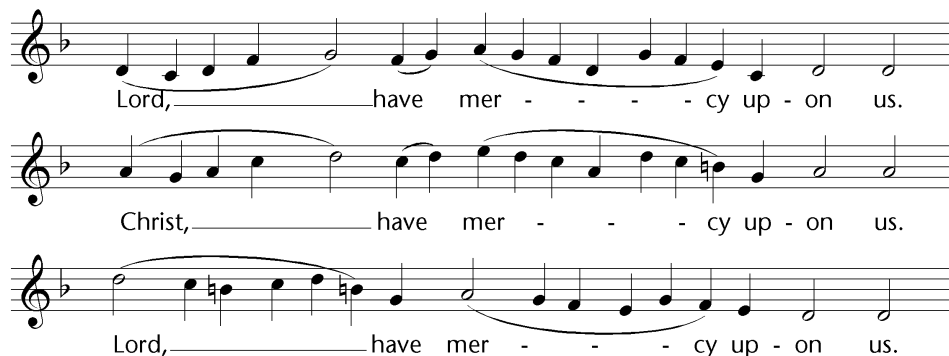
PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.

Peter DuBois, 2004

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* RESPONSE:



organ intro
Glo-ry be to God: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and
Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev-er
shall be: World with-out end. A - men! A - men!

Peter DuBois, 2007

WORDS of WELCOME

(We ask that you sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to the person next to you in the pew. Please greet those worshipping with you at the close of the service.)

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-26

(Pew Bible, NT page 94)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "For the Mountains Shall Depart" Felix Mendelssohn
David Gleichman, *baritone*

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 5:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 155)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Hope Does Not Disappoint" Martha Langford

* HYMN 84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

RATHBUN

*** AFFIRMATION
of FAITH**

Reformed Church in America

**We sing to our Lord a new song;
We sing in our world a sure Hope:
Our God loves this world,
God called it into being,
God renews it through Jesus Christ,
God governs it by the Spirit.
God is the world's true Hope.**

**Christ elects the church
to proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments,
to worship God's name,
and to live as true disciples.
He creates a community
to be a place of prayer,
to provide rest for the weary,
and to lead people to share in service.**

**Come, Lord Jesus:
We are open to your Spirit.
We await your full presence.
Our world finds rest in you alone. Amen.**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks)

**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,
forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS**

SOLO "Lord God of Abraham"

Felix Mendelssohn

* RESPONSE

Faith - ful Lord of all things liv-ing, by whose boun-ty all are blest;
 bread to hun gry bo-dies giv-ing, jus-tice to the long-op-pressed.
 For the strength of our sal - va-tion, light and life and length of days,
 praise the God of all cre-a-tion, set your souls to sing God's praise!

Text: from the hymn "Praise the God of Our Salvation" by Timothy Dudley-Smith
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 Tune: MEIGS ST.
 Music: © 2004 Peter DuBois

LEADER: The Lord be with you.
 PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
 LEADER: Lift up your hearts.
 PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**
 LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 ALL: **O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 360 "Hope of the World"

DONNE SECOURS

* CHARGE
 and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL
 RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again;
 Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
 With a shepherd's care enfold you,
 God be with you till we meet again.**

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Lobe den Herren"

J.S. Bach

(Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, Hymn 482)

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
 Fred Ritter from his wife Alice.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford

LITURGIST: John Wilkinson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

USHER: Janet Jones-Brower

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MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual Formation

Sunday Seminar: Johnston Hall—9:30am
Growing in the Word is combining with the Sunday Seminar for *Meeting Jesus in His Parables Again for the First Time*, a four-week series with Jim Stewart, running through March 30.

Intercessory Prayer

10:00am in the Chapel

Spend time in silent prayer, light a candle, or request intercessory prayer with one of the Deacons. To add names to the weekly congregational prayer list, please contact Martha Langford, 271-6537, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Thursday Voices

March 27, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall

During Lent we are exploring Lenten themes in select sermons: Lawrence Black will lead the discussion this week on *The Lord's Conception of the Providence of God* by Reinhold Niebuhr.

General Assembly Update

Wednesday, March 26, 12:00noon

Help John Wilkinson prepare for the General Assembly moderatorial election on June 14 in Detroit.

Sparks at isparks@thirdpresbyterian.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Traveling to Detroit for General Assembly

If you would like information or would like to coordinate housing or travel, please be in touch with Maryjane Link, mjlink@earthlink.net or Carolyn Grohman, ccgrohman@gmail.com.

Lenten Retreat—April 5

9:00am-12:00pm

My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer
by Christian Wiman

There is no cost for the morning. For planning purposes, please register by contacting the church office.

Contact John Wilkinson if you have any questions or comments about the book or the Lenten gathering. We hope you can join us on April 5.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Toilet Paper

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

Join us for an initial question and answer practice session on March 26 at 12:00noon in Johnston Hall. Bring your lunch. Be in touch with Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or Lynette

CALENDAR FOR March 23 – March 30

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	New Member Gathering	Parlor
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word	JH
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/Room 201
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Special Session Meeting	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	Chapel
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CE
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Children and Youth event at Rock Ventures	<i>Off Site</i>

Monday, March 24

8:30 am	Chapel Bells	Moot Arts Room
9:00 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, March 25

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
12:00 pm	Staff Lunch	CC
2:00 pm	UPT Raleigh	JH
4:30 pm	Cameron Triple Play	Whitney Room
5:30 pm	New Worship Planning	Parker Room

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am	Food Pantry Meeting	JH
12:00 pm	GA Question & Answer Session	JH
12:00 pm	Metro Solutions	Parker Room
4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
5:00 pm	Children's Musical Speaking Parts	
5:30 pm	Qabats Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 27

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
1:00 pm	Book Club	Library
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary

Friday, March 28

1:00 pm	DRM Task Force	Parker Room
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Saturday, March 29

9:00 am	Presbytery Meeting	<i>Off Site (Gates)</i>
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
10:00 am	Commissioning Class Faith Stmt	CE

Sunday, March 30

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:00 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word	JH
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	JH
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship/Dinner	CC

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