



Seeking the Light

The spiritual efficacy of all encounters is determined by the amount of personal ego that is in play. If two people meet and disagree fiercely about theological matters but agree, silently or otherwise, that God's love creates and sustains human love, and that whatever else may be said of God is subsidiary to this truth, then even out of what seems great friction there may emerge a peace that—though it may not end the dispute, though neither party may be “convinced” of the other's position—nevertheless enters and nourishes one's notion of, and relationship with, God. Without this radical openness, all arguments about God are not simply pointless but pernicious, for each person is in thrall to some lesser conception of ultimate truth and asserts not love but a lesson, not God but himself.

Christian Wiman
My Bright Abyss

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

March 30, 2014

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 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.

Children and Worship: Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity bags are available from the ushers. Church School is available for children up to sixth grade.

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 "Fantasia & Fugue in C minor" J.S. Bach
(BWV 537)

CHORAL INTROIT "Day by Day" David Bridges
(10:45) Junior Choir

Day by day, day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

* 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 *(in unison)* Psalm 23
**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for ever.**

* HYMN 75 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Holy God, in the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed. We confess that we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sinfulness; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness.

Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“The Lord’s Prayer”
(from “African Sanctus”)

David Fanshawe
Covenant Singers
Scott Stratton-Smith, *piano*

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-34 *(Pew Bible, NT page 102)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "A Contrite Heart" Ludwig van Beethoven
(8:30) arr. K. Lee Scott
Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

ANTHEM "Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks"
(10:45) Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me 'Where, where is now thy God?'

- Psalm 42:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:35-41 *(Pew Bible, NT page 103)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Oddly Lightened" John Wilkinson

* HYMN 82 "O Lamb of God Most Holy!" O LAMM GOTTES
The Gathering of the Servers.

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH Reformed Church in America
(8:30)

**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.**

**God's Spirit speaks in the world
according to God's ultimate word in Christ.
In every time and place,
in ancient cities and distant lands,
in technology and business,
in art and education,
God has not been left without a witness.
The Word has entered where we have failed to go.**

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

*** AFFIRMATION
of FAITH**
(10:45)

"Credo"

Jane M. Marshall
The Covenant Singers

*(At the designated time in the anthem, the congregation is invited to stand and recite **The Apostles' Creed**)*

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.
I believe in love, even when not feeling it.
Lord, I believe. Help thou my unbelief... *Lord, I believe. Help thou my unbelief...*)

(The Congregation stands)

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(The congregation is seated)

I believe in God, even when He is silent. I believe in the sun, I believe in love, I believe in God.

- Text from an inscription found in a Cologne cellar where Jews hid, and Mark 9:24

**PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS**

In addition to our regular offering, loose plate offering and designated checks will support the Pastor's Emergency Fund. Please be generous as you are able. Envelopes are in the pew pads (chapel) or pew racks (sanctuary).

SOLO
(8:30)

"Agnus Dei"
(from "Coronation Mass")

W. A. Mozart

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“My Song in the Night”

arr. Paul Christiansen

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, Come to us with Thy tender love, my souls' delight. Unto Thee, O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see, my comfort and joy, my souls' delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

- Southern folk hymn

* 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

THE SACRAMENT
of THE LORD'S SUPPER

* INVITATION
TO THE LORD'S TABLE
* GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

LEADER: It is indeed right to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...

* SANCTUS

(organ intro)

Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

setting by William Mathias

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, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is provided this morning for the Lord's Supper. Each bread tray contains pieces of gluten-free bread individually packaged in small plastic bags. Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

*As you pass the elements, you are invited to say:
 The body of Christ for you.
 The blood of Christ for you.*

BELL ANTHEM
(10:45)

"Pie Jesu"

Andrew Lloyd Webber
 arr. Douglas Wagner
 Third Church Ringers

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of compassion, we are grateful that you welcome us at Christ's table to share this holy meal. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 85

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE

(8:30)

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.

* CHORAL
RESPONSE

(10:45)

* GREETING

POSTLUDE

"Aus tiefer Not, schrei ich zu dir"
(Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee—based on Hymn 240)

J.S. Bach

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my beloved daughter, Heidi Winterkorn Craemer, by Camille Clayton.

The Sanctuary Memorial Candle today is lit for the people in the state of Washington affected by the mudslide.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks

ACOLYTES: Michael Chen, Jonathan Lutzer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Christina A. Lenti

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

GREETERS: (10:45) Cindy Capps, Camille Clayton,
Maryjane Link, Jack Salzer, Bernie Todd Smith

USHERS: (8:30) Suzy Hengerer
(10:45) Bill Bay, Tim Broshears, Jeff Morrison,
Kelly Thevenet Morrison, Jeff Weis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parish G Deacons: Bernie Todd Smith, Betsey Wheeler



March 30, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word:
Johnston Hall—9:30am: *Meeting Jesus in His Parables Again for the First Time* with Jim Stewart concludes today.

Next Week during the Sunday Seminar: Melanie Duguid-May will begin a three-week session on "Big Ticket Theology: Sin, Salvation, and Resurrection."

April 6 Growing in the Word at 9:30am in the Parlor: Amy Stratton-Smith will lead a discussion on Ezekiel 37:1-14: "Can these dry bones live?"

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

April 3, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall
Paul Gongloff will lead a discussion on *The Gift of Anger* by Ann Palmerton.

The Gough Duo in Concert

Friday, April 4, 7:30pm
We have the special privilege to host The Gough Duo, from Great Britain, in concert in the sanctuary of Third Church this Friday, April 4 at 7:30pm. Violinist Rachel Gough and her husband, organist Rupert Gough, are performing here as part of their current North American tour. They're the only regular organ/violin duo to tour internationally – and their program here will include wonderful music by Joseph Rheinberger, Carson Cooman,

Sergei Rachmaninov and others. The featured work will be their own transcription of Ralph Vaughan Williams' ravishing "The Lark Ascending" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of its composition. Admission is free, with donations received to offset expenses. This program is made possible in part by support from the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Lenten Retreat—April 5

9:30am-12:00pm (note new start time)

The retreat will be based on *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.

Children's Musical: "The Rockslinger and His Greatest Hit"

Next Sunday, April 6, 10:45am

Almost three thousand years ago, a shepherd boy faced an overwhelming challenge, armed only with a sling, a staff and a courageous faith. The timeless message of the beloved story of "David and Goliath" is that no matter how great the obstacle, there is no darkness that God cannot overcome. All are invited to enjoy this special presentation by the Junior Choir and Glorious Voices.

Traveling to Detroit for General Assembly

The moderator election will be Saturday evening, June 14 at 7:00pm. On Saturday during the day the General Assembly opening worship and first plenary session will happen; the exhibit area will also be open. On Sunday, you are invited to attend worship in a local Detroit church.

We recommend that if you plan to attend that you register by visiting

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/how-to-register/>. There is no registration fee if you attend on Saturday only. A visitor registration fee will apply if you attend for a longer period.

Hotel reservations may be made by going to the link above. If you are interested in sharing a room, please let us know (see contact information below).

If you would like further information, or would like to coordinate housing or travel, please be in touch with:

Maryjane Link, mjlink@earthlink.net
Carolyn Grohman, ccgrohman@gmail.com

Recording Available

A recording of last Sunday's Special Music presentation of the "Sunrise Mass" by the Chancel Choir may be found on the "Worship Recordings" page of the church website.

Sisters in Spirit

Friday, April 4

The group is currently reading *Gift of the Red Bird* by Paula D'Arcy. A few copies may still be at the Good Book Store (473-8634) or may be ordered from Amazon through the link on the Third Church website.

RAIHN

If you missed this past week's group picture highlighting our "10-year" volunteers, please meet on the Sanctuary steps today immediately after worship.

If you haven't been "RAIHN-trained" yet, there's still time ahead of our Holy Week rotation #37—April 8, 6:30 pm at Asbury First UMC, 1010 East Ave., Rochester. RSVP to Laurie (LMahone1@rochester.rr.com, 473-0583) or Lou (Louis.Loggi@gmail.com).

We have some hot spots yet to fill for our upcoming RAIHN rotation week – Please contact Lou or Laurie.

- First Sunday's "children's activities" during parents orientation April 13, 2:30-4:30 (one volunteer)
- Friday's dinner April 14 (two volunteers)
- Saturday's overnight April 19 (two)
- Saturday, April 12 pre-setup (9:00am)
- Sunday, April 13, Set-up (11:45)
- Sunday, April 20 take-down (9:00am)
- Laundry pickup any time after 9:30am Sunday, April 20

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Peanut Butter (18 oz)

Jam or Jelly (18 oz)

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

Easter Decorations If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Easter decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "*Easter Decorations*" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Easter bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

In loving memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

The deadline for receiving donations for Easter decorations is Palm Sunday, April 13.

CALENDAR FOR March 30 – April 6

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word	JH
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/Youth Lounge
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	Education Building
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	Choir Room

Monday, March 31

9:00 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00 pm	Spiritual Formation	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH

Saturday, April 5

9:30 am	Lenten Retreat	JH
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
9:30 am	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 1

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney Room

Sunday, April 6

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
9:45 am	Mr. Peter's Rehearsal Group	Moot Room
10:00 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
10:15 am	Glorious Voices	Chancel Choir Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Youth Mission Trip Info. Meeting	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 Dinner and Fellowship	JH

Wednesday, April 2

12:00 pm	UPT Ed.-Social Workers	Whitney Room
4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
5:30 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, April 3

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Adult Spiritual Formation	Parlor
6:15 pm	Boy Scout District Meeting	CC

Friday, April 4

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
1:00 pm	Food Cupboard	Parker Room
7:30 pm	Gough Duo Recital	Sanctuary

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