

Seeking the Light

"The Gospels vary quite a bit in their accounts of Jesus' resurrection and the ensuing encounters he had with people, but they are quite consistent about one thing: many of his followers doubted him, sometimes even when he was staring them in the face. This ought to be heartening for those of us who seek belief. If the disciples of Christ could doubt not only firsthand accounts of his resurrection but the very fact of his face in front of them, then clearly, doubt has little to do with distance from events. It is in some way the seed of Christianity itself, planted in the very heart of him (My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?) who is at once our God and our best selves, and it must be torn terribly, wondrously open in order to flower into living faith."

Christian Wiman My Bright Abyss

The Worship of God Easter

### 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.



Find us on Facebook: "Third Presbyterian Church"

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### **Preparation for Worship**

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

\* Stand as you are able

PRELUDE "Choral I in E Major"

César Franck

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Morn of Beauty"

Jean Sibelius arr. H. Alexander Matthews

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness! Awak'ning joy, dispelling shades of night, Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning For Christ the Lord is risen again! Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, Sing alleluia!

**\*** EASTER ACCLAMATION

LEADER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: Christ is risen!

LEADER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: Christ is risen, indeed!

LEADER: Alleluia! PEOPLE: Alleluia!

LEADER: Glory to you, O God:

on this day you won victory over death,

raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, O Christ:

for us and for our salvation you overcame death

and opened the gate to everlasting life.

LEADER: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

you lead us into the truth.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity,

now and forever. Amen.

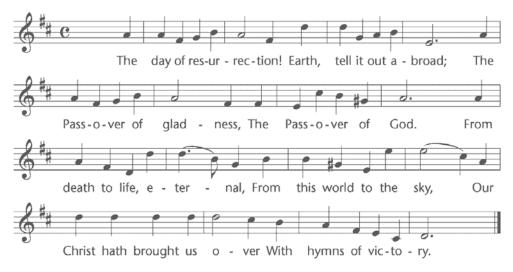
\* HYMN 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN arr. Todd Wilson

\* PRAYER of ADORATION

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Text: John of Damascus, trans. J. M. Neale Tune: Henry Smart

### **BELL ANTHEM**

### "In Christ Alone"

arr. Sandra Eithun Third Church Ringers

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

9:00 <u>and</u> 11:00am: Children up to and including first grade may depart for child care and large group Sunday school in the Education Building; exit through the door to the left of the pulpit.

## DISMISSAL of CHILDREN



text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986 music: Thomas Tallis, adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c.1561

### 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.

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

LESSON Jeremiah 31:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

(Pew Bible, OT page 733)

### ANTHEM "Jesus, Creator of the World"

Tom Mueller

O Jesus Christ, creator of the world, of humankind Redeemer blest! True God of God in whom we see the Father's image clear expressed. O Savior, love alone constrained to make our mortal flesh your own; and as a second Adam come for the first Adam to atone. That self-same love that made the sky, which made the sea, and stars and earth, took pity on our sinfulness, and broke the bondage of our birth. O Jesus Christ, in your Heart divine may that same love forever flow, Mercy forever to us all from that unending fountain flow. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end, Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT page 33)

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Portal to Eternity"

John Wilkinson

\* HYMN 115 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

\* 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.

Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.
In His death,
the justice of God is established;
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.
On the day of the resurrection,
the tomb was empty; His disciples saw Him;
death was defeated; new life had come.
God's purpose for the world was sealed.

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 are available in pew pockets and can be placed in the offering plate.

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

In addition to our regular morning offering, we will also receive contributions for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Please be generous as you are able.

### **OFFERTORY**

### "Finale"

Gustav Mahler

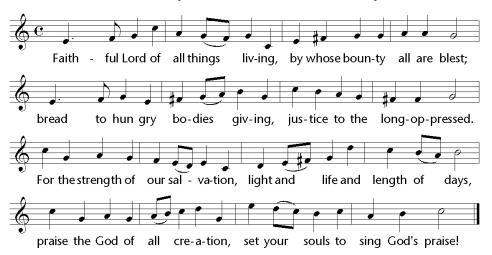
(from Symphony No. 2, *The Resurrection*) adapted by Alfred Neumann

Keely Futterer, soprano; Kelsey Robertson, alto

Believe me, my heart! O believe me! Your time of life lost nothing! Yours is all that you have longed for, yours that you have loved, that for which you've struggled! Believe me! You were born and now have fulfillment! You have not lived in vain or suffered! All that comes to be, that too will soon pass. Yet it heralds life renewing! Now cease to tremble! Prepare yourself, for living! O sorrow, all pervading! Now I have escaped you! Now you have been conquered! With wings of love to Thee I'm soaring! I am soaring to Light which mankind has not seen! Death will come before I live again! Rise, arise, yes, rise, arise at once, my heart, you will arise! All that you've labored, to God, will bear you to heaven!

text by Mahler and from "Resurrection Ode" by Klopstock freely translated from the German by Alfred Neumann

### \* RESPONSE



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: Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us into this Day of

Resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, may our lives may be signs of his life and all we have may show forth his

love. Amen.

\* HYMN 371 "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER arr. Todd Wilson

Stanzas 1 & 2: all; stanza 3: choir only; stanza 4: all

**\*** CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE "Hallelujah" (from Messiah)

G.F. Handel

Congregational copies may be found in the hymnal racks.

POSTLUDE "Toccata"

Charles-Marie Widor

(from Symphony No. 5)

Persons wishing to listen to the postlude are invited to move to the front of the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit for those family members and friends listed in this morning's bulletin.

If you would like to take a flower as a remembrance of this service, you are invited to do so following the 11:00am service.

### Participants in this morning's service:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks

9:00: Katie Orem 11:00: Rob White

ACOLYTES: 9:00: Randall Carlson, Ann Wilkinson

11:00: Jobin Philip, Danielle Lipari

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Christina A. Lenti
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

GREETERS: 9:00: Camille Clayton, Bonnie DeHollander,

Bernie Todd Smith, Fred Smith, Jo Anne Smith 11:00: Peg Rachfal, Jack Salzer, Connie Schultz,

Darryl Powell, Betsey Wheeler

USHERS: 9:00: Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Ann Haag, Ann McMican,

Jack Mould, Jeff Weis, Rob White

11:00: Robb Adams, Bill Boller, Priscilla Boller, Otto Muller-Girard,

Jr., Beth Sieber, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke, Paul Zeh

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Stacy Carolan, Shoghi Hayes, Steve Felix: trumpet

Billy Bard, Erin Futterer, horn

Lisa Albrecht, Ben David Aronson, Matthew Halbert, trombone

Jeremy Stoner, *tuba* Michael Kemp, *timpani* 

### **About Today's Music**

Our first anthem this morning, "Jesus, Creator of the World," was composed by our Assistant Organist for the past three years, Tom Mueller. It was originally written in 2013 for the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame University campus. Today's presentation is the premiere of a newly revised version, with expanded instrumentation. The music and text are all based on a plainchant, "Auctor beate saeculi," used at the Second Vespers of the Feast of the Sacred Heart in the Roman Catholic tradition. The text and its theology are wonderfully suited for our Easter celebration today, as well. Our thanks to Tom for sharing this creative gift with us!

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Received Today**

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering has been received since 1949. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Envelopes are inserted in the pew pockets. Please be generous as you are able.

**Exploring Membership at Third Church:** The next "Exploring Membership Dinner" on June 8 at 6:00pm is a time to meet members and other newcomers and staff. This is an opportunity to share your story and explore ways to connect with the people here. Those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend a New Member Gathering immediately following the dinner from 7:30 to 9:00pm.

For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.

## Easter 2014 Decoration Donations



We remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

The Easter decorations are provided by gifts

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# MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### One Service of Worship at 10:45 on April 27

On Sunday, April 27, due to the Unity Health Flower City Challenge which will affect East Avenue and streets leading to the church early that morning, we will NOT have an 8:30am Chapel service. Adult Spiritual Formation and Jr. Choir rehearsal will happen at their usual times, and we will have ONE worship service at 10:45am.

### **Spiritual Formation Returns on April 27**

**Sunday Seminar**: Johnston Hall *Big Ticket Theology: Sin, Salvation, and Resurrection*" with Melanie Duguid-May

**Growing in the Word:** Parlor

Acts 2:14a, 22-32: "The Church's Opening

Act" led by Holly Powell

### **More Light Event**

### Tuesday, April 22, 7:00pm

Barbara K. Lundblad, Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary will speak on "Preaching in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Experience." This event is part of the KAIROS SPRING LECTURE 2014. Third Church is a co-sponsor of this event.

### **Thursday Voices**

Thursday, April 24, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall John Wilkinson will review Easter in the Very Belly of Nothingness by Water Brueggemann.

### **Triple Play Mission Day**

### Saturday, April 26

Join others from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for hands-on mission opportunities for all ages at participating ministry sites:

- 8:30 Registration at Chili First Presbyterian Church followed by Worship
- 10:00-12:00noon: Onsite Mission Engagement

- 12:30: Lunch and reflection
- 2:00: Triple Play Mission Day Wraps Up! **Your registration is due tomorrow** to programsecretary@pbygenval.org. (The \$10 fee may be paid on Saturday.)

### **Hymn Festival**

Sunday, May 4, 7:00pm Incarnate Word Lutheran Church The Sacred Music Program of the Eastman School of Music directed by Peter DuBois is presenting "Te Deum: A Hymn Festival!" to celebrate the launch of the George W. Utech Congregational Hymnody Fund. Free admission. More information will be in the next issue of the Messenger.

### **Sticky Lips BBQ Dinner**

Youth Group Fundraiser
Join us for a Smokin' Good Time!

May 18 - 12:00noon @ Third Church

Cost: \$10 per dinner (includes pulled pork
sandwich and 2 sides). Tickets will be available
at coffee hour beginning April 27!

### Elvis to Elton Potluck, Friday May 2, 6:00pm

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Church"

If you are in your sixties or seventies (plus or minus that age), please join us for our tenth Potluck Supper. After the dinner, E. David DuBois (Peter DuBois' father/retired pastor/friend to many) will be telling us in his wonderfully eloquent and entertaining way, stories from his years as pastor. Come to "feast" on fellowship, fun and fabulous food! Contact Sue Locke with your reservation at 482-5657 or slocke43@rochester.rr.com.

#### **HUNGER SUNDAY**

Next Sunday please bring:

Canned Tuna (packed in water)

Canned Chicken

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

### CALENDAR FOR April 20 – April 27

### **Sunday at Third Church**

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Large Group Church School	CE
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
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Monday, April 21 6:00 pm Spiritual For	Office Close	<i>J</i> ,	April 25 y, April 26
Tuesday, April 22 9:15 am Morning Pra	ayer Chap	8:30 am 10:00 am el 10:00 am	•
9:45 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Christian Fai	th/LGBT Lecture CRCL	<sub>OS</sub> Sunday,	April 27
Wednesday, April 2 4:00 pm Sojourn with 5:15 pm Junior Choir		or 9:30 am m 9:30 am	Ordination Training Junior Choir Rehearsal Adult Spiritual Formation Youth Sunday School
Thursday, April 24	ord C	9:30 am	Commissioning Class Chancel Choir Warm up
9:30 am Food Cupbo 10:45 am Celebration I 12:00 pm Thursday Vo 1:00 pm Book Club	Ringers Moot Arts Roo	10:00 am H 10:45 am	Intercessory Prayer Worship
5:45 pm Third Church 6:00 pm More Light C	n Ringers Moot Arts Roo	m 12:00 pm m 12:15 pm	Ordination Training Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 27					
:30 am Or	dination Training	Parker Room			
:30 am Ju	nior Choir Rehearsal	Chapel			
:30 am Ac	lult Spiritual Formation	JH			
:30 am Yo	outh Sunday School	CE			
:30 am Co	mmissioning Class	CE 207/Sanctuary			
:45 am Ch	nancel Choir Warm up	Choir Room			
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