



Seeking the Light

"If you are looking for a blessing, do not linger here.
Here is only emptiness, a hollow, a husk where a blessing used to be.
This blessing was not content in its confinement.
It could not abide its isolation, the unrelenting silence, the pressing stench of death.
So if it is a blessing that you seek, open your own mouth.
Fill your lungs with the air that this new morning brings
and then release it with a cry.
Hear how the blessing breaks forth in your own voice,
how your own lips form every word you never dreamed to say.
See how the blessing circles back again wanting you to repeat it but louder
how it draws you pulls you sends you to proclaim its only word:
risen risen risen."

Jan Richardson
Easter Blessing

The Worship of God
Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

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 "Prelude in G Major" J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT "Cantad al Senor" Brazilian Folk Tune
Junior Choir

Cantad al Senor un cantico nuevo.

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

* 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

LEADER: God is always present:

PEOPLE: **in times of trouble and joy—**

LEADER: in the beauty of this world—

PEOPLE: **in the love between all people.**

LEADER: God is always present.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God.**

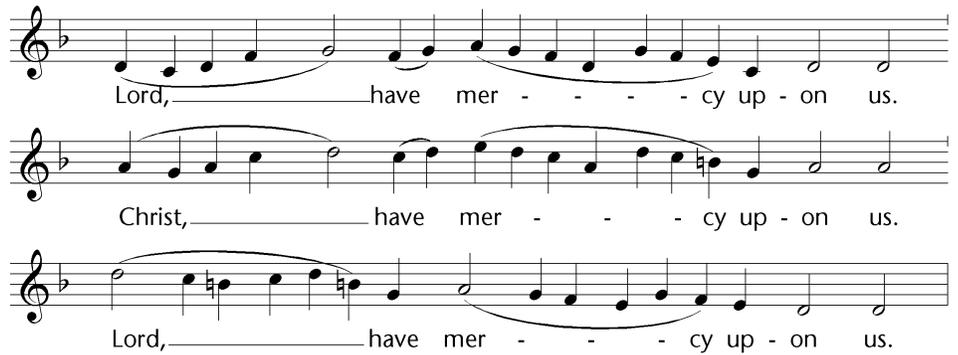
* HYMN 121 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" PUER NOBIS NASTICUR

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Loving God, we know we can count on you to always be there for us no matter what. We know that when we mess up, you give us another chance. Even in times of doubt, but especially when we need you, you comfort and protect us. Guide us in the right direction and help us do the right thing. When we go off the path, lead us home. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children, age 3 through sixth grade, may depart for church school and child care following the Children's Message. You may exit through the doors to the left of the pulpit to get to the Education Building.)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)



I. II. TALLIS' CANON
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through
this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it
strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

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.)

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Pew Bible, NT page 232)
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "This Joyful Eastertide" Dutch Carol
arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love,
the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow! *Had Christ, that once
was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber: Till
trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. *Hath
Christ, that once, etc.*

Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river:
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. *Had Christ, that
once, etc.*

- text by G. R. Woodward

GOSPEL LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (Pew Bible, NT page 119)
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Where Easter Gets Real" Lynette K. Sparks

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

(Adapted from the Statements of Faith
written by members of the 2014 Commissioning Class)

LEADER: We are on a journey.

PEOPLE: **We are on a pathway.**

LEADER: God is understanding and loving—

PEOPLE: **God will always stand by us no matter what.**

LEADER: We are called to know and love God.

PEOPLE: **God calls us to be better people, to follow him,
and to believe in him.**

LEADER: The experiences we witness reflect God and God's
connection with us.

PEOPLE: **We thank God for creating these experiences in our
lives.**

LEADER: God calls us to use the gifts God gives—

PEOPLE: **to express ourselves, to love others, to share God's love in the world.**

LEADER: The church is the place that constantly encourages us to grow in faith.

PEOPLE: **We find God's presence to comfort us through the members of the church.**

LEADER: The church is a safe haven from judge-y looks:

PEOPLE: **People accept me here,
I can be myself...
I find answers to my questions—
there are friends to laugh with—
as well as new people to meet—
always kind and willing to help,
a group of people—
supportive and open—
sending love in times of sadness—
lending an ear when one is needed.**

LEADER: We may be lost along the way from time to time,

PEOPLE: **but we know that God will always shine a light. Amen.**

THE RECEPTION
of COMMISSIONED
MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

God calls us to be a servant people and gathers us into the body of Christ. We rejoice that God has added you to our number this day and we recognize you as brothers and sisters in faith. We renew our covenant to live and work together in the spirit of Christ and so to love and support one another that we may give honor and glory to God. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to the care and ministry of this congregation.

*(Please remain seated)*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

ANTHEM

"Alleluia, Amen"

Georg Frederic Handel

(from Judas Maccabeus)

Hallelujah, Amen; O Judah, rejoice! Rejoice, O Judah in songs
divine, with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

* 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.**

LEADER: Loving God, we thank you—

PEOPLE: **For the people in our lives, our many different
families: our nuclear family, extended family, friends,
church.**

LEADER: Help us to see you everywhere:
PEOPLE: **people come together in hard times, providing for
and comforting each other.**
LEADER: We thank you for your support, when you guide,
comfort, protect, and love us.
PEOPLE: **Help us to support others,
loving you as we love the world. Amen.**

* HYMN 302 "I Danced in the Morning"

SIMPLE GIFTS

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing" Healey Willan

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Nicholas and Evelyn Tescione and The Rev. Howard Foye and Elizabeth Foye,
parents of Pam and Ry Foye.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in memory
of Tyler Digel Kopp.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette K. Sparks
LITURGIST: John Wilkinson
ACOLYTES: Bizzy Vinton, Audrey Vinton
ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM: Ann Haag
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Christina A. Lenti
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller
GREETERS: Peg Rachfal, Darryl, Hannah and Holly Powell,
Bernie Todd Smith, Fred and Jo Anne Smith
USHERS: Robb Adams, Nancy Adams, Bill Boller, Priscilla Boller, Otto
Muller-Girard, Jr., Jeff Sprague, Phil Tschorke, Beth Tschorke
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Deacons



April 27, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Commissioning Class Members and their Faith Partners

Liam Crain	Robb Adams
Michael Gorman	Andrew Elder
Kelly Knickerbocker	Roxanne Boyer
Danielle Lipari	Janet Reed
Harrison Lucas	Darby Thompson
Maisie Merz	Susan Fox
Miranda Owen	Mary DuBois
Hannah Powell	Nancy Adams

The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Affirmation of Faith and Prayer of Thanksgiving were adapted from the Faith Statements prepared by members of the 2013 Commissioning Class.

Happy Bunch Out to Lunch

Today, 12:15pm

Join the Happy Bunch at The Country Club Diner for lunch today!

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. Please bring a dish to pass: **A-G**: Salad; **H-Q**: Dessert; **R-Z**: Main Dish and a few items for our Food Cupboard *plus* a friend or a "fellow"

S.O.S. Third Church member who might not have attended an Elvis to Elton event in the past.

Come to "feast" on fellowship, fun and fabulous food! Contact Sue Locke with your reservation at 482-5657 or slocke43@rochester.rr.com.

Spiritual Formation on May 4

Sunday Seminar: Johnston Hall—9:30am
The State of Marriage in the Church: Rites and Rights, with members of the More Light Committee

Growing in the Word: Parlor—9:30am
Luke 24:13-35, "Holy Heartburn" led by Paul Gongloff

Thursday Voices

May 1, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall

This month we are exploring favorite short devotions selected by each of our discussion leaders... *The Cross of Victory* by John Harvey, led by Jim Stewart.

Moderator Event

Sunday, May 4, 12:15pm, Sanctuary
Standing for Moderator: What does it mean? Join us for an informational question and answer session to learn more about the *who, what, when, where and why* of the process.

Hymn Festival May 4

The Sacred Music Program of the Eastman School of Music, which is directed by Peter DuBois, is presenting "Te Deum: A Hymn Festival!" to celebrate the launch of the George W. Utech Congregational Hymnody Fund. It will be held Sunday, May 4 at 7:00pm at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, East Avenue at Goodman. Free admission.

The festival will be led by **James E. Bobb**, former music director at Incarnate Word, and now Assistant Professor of Organ and Church Music at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. The Choir of Incarnate Word will assist, along with singers from several area churches, including Third Church. Music for the hymn festival will center on the ancient hymn "Te Deum" and will feature a number of hymns with texts by Timothy Dudley-Smith, one of the greatest living hymn writers in the English language. Among those hymns will be three new hymns, commissioned for the occasion by the Eastman School, as part of a new initiative through the George W. Utech Congregational Hymnody Fund. The purpose of the fund is to stimulate the creation of new texts and music for congregational singing.

Three composers have also been commissioned to write musical settings for these new hymns which will be premiered at the festival – **Carson Cooman**, Rochester native and Composer-in-Residence at Memorial Church, Harvard University; **Scott Perkins**, who teaches music theory and

composition at DePauw University; and **Philip Stopford**, prominent young composer and church musician from the United Kingdom. You are warmly welcomed to come and participate in this significant event in the life of the Eastman School of Music and the church music community in Rochester!

Youth Bowling Event

Sunday, May 4, 6:00-8:00pm, Clover Lanes, 2750 Monroe Avenue

Two games of bowling, pizza and pop will be provided. Bring extra money for any extra snacks or video games. Come and help welcome next year's seventh graders to the Youth group. Provide your own transportation.

Urban Education School System Support

This month UPT's Urban Education group met to explore expanding our material donations to the schools and programs UPT already is involved with (#3, #35, Young Mother Interim Health Academy, and the Corner Place). Our hope is to enable monthly collections during the 2014-2015 school year from our congregations to benefit these school children. For example, collecting boxes of Kleenex one month, crayons the next month, dollars to pay for field trips the third month, etc.

Please join us Wednesday, May 14 at noon at Third Church as we continue to put flesh on these bones. Direct questions to elaidlaw@monroecc.edu.

Chris Lenti Farewell Picnic

Saturday, May 17, 5:00-7:00pm

Chris Lenti is retiring. Come and help us celebrate her amazing contributions to Third Presbyterian Church over the

last 19 years—**Saturday, May 17**,
Buckland Lodge, 1341 Westfall Road,
5:00-7:00pm. Bring a dish to pass: **A-
L**: Salad or side dish; **M-Z**: Dessert. All
are invited. RSVP to Shannan Monrad
at 787-0557 or
sswallowmonrad@hotmail.com.

Sticky Lips BBQ Dinner

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Join us for a Smokin' Good Time!

Sunday, May 18 - 12:00noon at
Third Church

Cost: \$10 per dinner

Tickets are on sale now and available
at coffee hour or through Ellen Rye
(ryeellen@hotmail.com).

The grillmasters from Sticky Lips BBQ
will be at Third Church slow-roasting
and serving up their famous pulled
pork dinner! Enjoy a heaping helping
of pulled-pork on a hard roll
slathered with a Sticky Lips sauce of
your choosing, cornbread and two
sides!

Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy
lunch on the lawn, pull up a chair in
Celebration Center, or get yours to
go! Bring your friends and neighbors
and support Third Church Youth
Mission Trips and Retreats !

Presbytery Meeting at Third Church

On **Tuesday, May 20** Third Church will
host the stated meeting of the
Presbytery of Genesee Valley. We look
forward to welcoming commissioners
from throughout the presbytery. This

will be John Wilkinson's last meeting as
presbytery moderator.

The meeting begins at 4:00pm and we
will need a team of volunteers to help
with parking, greeting and registering. If
you are able to help with this, please
contact the church office or Jo Whang
at 381-8516 or
jwhang1@rochester.rr.com.

A team of Dining Room Ministry
volunteers will prepare the evening meal
for the presbytery. Thanks to them for
sharing their time and energy.

Each presbytery meeting has a worship
component to it, and for this meeting
we are combining the annual Third
Church year-end choral evensong
service with the presbytery meeting,
inviting the presbytery, Third Church
and community members to worship
together. Even if you do not come for
the presbytery meeting, you are
encouraged to attend the evensong
service.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Peanut Butter (18 oz.)

Jam or Jelly (18 oz.)

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR FOR April 27 – May 4

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 Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/Room 201
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Ordination Training	Parker Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School Chapel	Chapel
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Ordination Training	Parker Room
12:15 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:00 pm	Youth Advisor Meeting	CE/Youth Lounge
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Monday, April 28

9:00 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Membership & Evangelism	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:45 pm	Yoga	Parlor

Tuesday, April 29

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room

Wednesday, April 30

4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
5:30 pm	Junior Choir	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, May 1

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:00 pm	Chapel Bells	Moot Arts Room
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Boy Scout District Meeting	CC
7:00 pm	Outreach Steering Committee	Whitney Room

Friday, May 2

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
6:00 pm	Elvis to Elton Potluck	CC

Saturday, May 3

9:00 am	Deacon Retreat	JH
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, May 4

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	"Standing for GA"	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	<i>Off Site</i>

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