



Seeking the Light

“What finally makes the call to sacrifice we encounter in the Gospel of Matthew comprehensible is that it is an expression of the unbelievable generosity that God has shown us in Jesus Christ... If we forget this generosity, we will neglect the very thing that makes discipleship possible. Indeed, God's generosity appears unfailing; God never gives up on us, even when we fail to live faithfully as Christ's disciples.”

William J. Danaher

**The Worship of God
Second Sunday after Pentecost**

June 22, 2014

10:00 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 clipboards are available from the ushers.

Large Group Church School is available for children up to first grade during the worship service. Starting on July 6, children up to kindergarten will be in the nursery. There will be a children's activity table in the sanctuary under the Arnold Park balcony for older children.

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

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

Pastoral Care needs and prayer concerns 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.

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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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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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 "Praeludium in D" Dieterich Buxtehude

* 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 86

LEADER: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you I cry all day long.

PEOPLE: **For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

LEADER: For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

PEOPLE: **Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

* HYMN 457 "I Greet thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

O God, you created us. You know us and understand us. You know that we come up short. We desire to be generous, but withhold from others and from you. We desire to be Christ-like in our actions, but we forget and follow the values and examples that this world offers us. We desire to be kind and loving, but allow fatigue and stress to deter us from these good intentions. Forgive us, O Lord, and allow your grace to wash over us. Help us to forgive others, to forgive ourselves, and to begin anew, each day. 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 through first grade may depart for large group 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

RECEPTION
of NEW MEMBERS
PRESENTATION
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS
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.

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

Romans 6:1b-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 156)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

"Zion's Walls"

Aaron Copland
Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:24-39

(Pew Bible, NT page 10)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Learning to Live"

Lynette K. Sparks

* HYMN 298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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

SOLO

"Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris"
(from "Mass in B minor")

J.S. Bach

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
Miserere nobis.

Thou who sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have
mercy on us.

* 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!

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: **Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we thank you for the community of faith you have built, for your servants who have held fast to you through centuries, for the teachings and the witness of our ancestors, for the gospel's welcome to all in need, for the healing that comes from your watchfulness. Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

* 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 "Fugue in C" Dieterich Buxtehude

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Raiford L. Claxton, Sr., Raiford L. Claxton, Jr., Betty Claxton and Claudia M. Wilkinson.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in honor of all those who work for peace in our community and the world.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette K. Sparks

LITURGISTS: Martha C. Langford, Rob White

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

GREETERS: Cynthia Capps, Betty Iwan, Jack Salzer

USHERS: Sue Danielson, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett, Ann McMican,
Jack Mould, Janet Stewart, David Tennant, Paul Zeh

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome New Members!



Courtney and Jim Czadzeck



Katrina Ehmann



Vernie Grammer



Kathy Pleninger



Ben and Meghan Plog



Don and Carol Roth



Jayme and David Thomann



Jim Thompson

Sunday Morning Parking

On Sunday morning, the Arnold Park parking lot is reserved for use by those with handicap placards or license plates. We ask that everyone respect this request so that our members and guests with mobility issues might have access to the worship of this faith community. Thank you.

Sunday Book Reviews

Summer Sunday Book Reviews will take place in Johnston Hall at 9:00

June 29, Robb Adams will review "Toxic Charity" by Robert D. Lupton.

Invitation to Prayer

Each Sunday the Chapel is open for prayer 9:15am. 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 at 271-6513, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Recognizing Alice Ritter

Today, we recognize Alice Ritter for her long and faithful service to our church library. Please take time to come to the narthex after the service to sign the card that we have for her. The Library Committee will visit Alice this week to deliver the card and the congregation's appreciation. Alice now lives at St John's Meadows and would welcome visitors from Third Church.

Urban Presbyterians—Education

Today, First Unitarian Church "Concentrated Poverty and Education" will focus on concentrated poverty and

how it affects the Rochester City and the region. A light lunch is available at noon and the program is at 1:00pm. The location is 220 S. Winton Road.

Tuesday, June 24, 11:30am, Third Church: The UPT Support Group will continue constructing a monthly donation calendar for UPT congregations and children's programs. Contact Beth Laidlaw (elaidlaw@monroecc.edu).

I Am, I Can, We Will

Third Presbyterian has been working with Memorial AME, Mt. Olivet Baptist and Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian churches to discuss what we might do together to help young boys establish positive attitudes and directions so to escape the cycles of poverty and violence that they are exposed to on a daily basis. The pilot program begins **June 28**.

Third Presbyterian Church's role is to help provide support. This support ranges from helping cook breakfast, prepare lunch, working with teams of young men and assisting with activities.

If you would like to participate or would like more information, please contact Dale Maddock at dm.e5inc@frontiernet.net or 244-0633.

Ball Park! Tickets available in Coffee Hour!

Monday, June 30, 7:05pm

Join your church community for a day at Frontier Field! Reserved tickets are \$8.50 each, and the Red Wings are running a "first 500 Kids in the park eat free" (hot dog, snack and drink) promotion as well, so bring the whole family! In addition, we will be meeting up with our youth for this game as they are on their at-home mission trip "Mission

ROC—Reaching Our Community.”
Come enjoy an evening with our church community! Today is the last day for pre-sale tickets.

Vacation Bible School

July 21-24, 5:30-7:30pm

Third Church continues to partner with New Life Presbyterian Church for our annual Vacation Bible School, “Streets and Sidewalk” style. VBS is open to all families and children through 5th grade. Teens and Adult volunteers are encouraged to participate in a variety of fun and creative ways: from roadies to blanket sitters, actors to music, prize givers to Bible study, snacks, nametags, and anything in between. The teen and adult volunteer orientation will be held at New Life on Sunday, July 20, 5:00-7:00pm, including dinner. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ann McMican or Jack Mould at mcmould@rochester.rr.com.

Looking for Some Summer Reading?

The Third Church Library catalog is now available online as part of the church’s website. Looking for a good book? Let http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/grow/grow_docs/Third-Church-Library-Catalogue.pdf help.

Sermons Available Online

You can now listen to audio files of sermons preached at Third Church through our website:
http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/worship/worship_sermons.shtml.

Meals with a Meaning

We are looking for individuals to host other church members in their homes for dinner on **Saturday, October 4**. Last

year we had 17 host homes and 22 hosts and hostesses who will tell you that it was a wonderful experience. If you would like to consider being a host this year or if you would like to co-host please contact Maryjane Link at mjlink@earthlink.net or 738-1538.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Toilet Paper

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR for June 22 – June 29

Sunday at Third Church

9:00 am	Book Review	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:15 am	Special Session Meeting to Receive New Members	Parlor
9:30 am	Child Care up to Kindergarten	Christian Education Building (CE)
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Large Group Church School	Narthex
11:00 am	Refreshments	Celebration Center (CC)
11:30 am	Junior Choir Sixth Grade Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>

Monday, June 23

9:30 am Food Cupboard CC

Tuesday, June 24

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

Wednesday, June 25

Thursday, June 26

9:30 am Food Cupboard CC
1:00 pm Book Club Library
6:00 pm Gun Violence Response Team *Off Site*

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry CC

Sunday, June 29

9:00 am Summer Book Review JH
9:15 am Intercessory Prayer Chapel
10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
10:15 am Large Group Church School CE
11:00 am Refreshments Narthex
4:00 pm ROC Youth Mission Week Begins CE

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