



Seeking the Light

"Create no images of God. Accept the images that God has provided. They are everywhere, in everything. God is Change. Seed to tree, tree to forest. Rain to river, river to sea. Grubs to bees, bees to swarms. From one, many; from many, one. Forever uniting, growing, dissolving - forever changing. The universe is God's self-portrait."

Octavia Butler
"Parable of the Sower"

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

July 13, 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)
- 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: We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There is a table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scriptures for the day.

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

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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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 and Fugue in D minor" Johann Ludwig Krebs

* 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 119

LEADER: Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

PEOPLE: **Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**

LEADER: Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

PEOPLE: **I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

* HYMN 462 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and
turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your
mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor
have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not
done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with
you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In
your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create
in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take
your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your
salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
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

Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for children, Kindergarten and younger, in 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

Romans 8:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 157)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO "If With All Your Heart"
(from "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn
Matthew Swensen, *tenor*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

(Pew Bible, NT page 13)

SERMON "Victory Garden"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 469 "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

* 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.

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 "For the Mountains Shall Depart"
(from "Elijah")

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: **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

* 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 "Nun danket alle Gott"
(Now Thank We All Our God)

J.S. Bach

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ernest and Julia Grant, parents of Nancy Carlisle and Jean Whitney.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today for prayers for peace in the Middle East.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller
GREETERS: Bob Eames, Bonnie DeHollander
USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler

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MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children in Worship

Quiet activities in the sanctuary are offered for school aged children during worship. The children have the opportunity to read books, do crafts and other activities that relate to our scriptures for the day at the table and chairs on the rug under the Arnold Park balcony. Parents (as well as volunteers) are invited to sit with the children—there is no upper age limit. We are excited not only about offering children the opportunity to be present for more of worship, but also to have ways to keep hands busy and minds connected to worship. The nursery will continue to be available, and children up through kindergarten are invited to go the nursery during worship. Visit the children's page of the website for more information.

Sunday Book Reviews

Summer Sunday Book Reviews take place in Johnston Hall at 9:00: **July 20:** Rob White will review *The Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart* by Mark Achtemeier.

Invitation to Prayer

Each Sunday the Chapel is open for prayer at 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.

Youth in Montreat

Please keep our Youth and Advisors who traveled to Montreat in your prayers this week. They return on Saturday, July 19.

Pride Week

Tuesday, July 15, 6:00pm—Annual Movie Night "Shoulders to Stand On," a movie revealing a largely unknown and undocumented history of Rochester's LGBT community and its influences across the nation, will be shown. Snacks and conversation to follow.

Saturday, July 19—Pride Parade

"Carnival: Unmask Your True Colors" is the theme of this year's parade. Line up at Argyle and Buckingham streets at 2:00pm. Contact Rob White (rwhiteacct@aol.com) to say you'll join the fun!

Vacation Bible School

"Call to Adventure" is the theme of this year's "Streets and Sidewalks" Vacation Bible School at New Life Presbyterian Church. The program runs from Monday July 21 through Thursday, July 24. Teen and adult volunteers are needed for all sorts of jobs in a variety of fun and creative ways, from roadies to blanket sitters, actors to musical possibilities and anything in between. An orientation/planning meeting will take place Sunday, July 20. Contact Ann McMican at mcmould@rochester.rr.com for more information.

Next RAIHN Rotation—July 27

Now is the time to confirm availability for dinner, overnight, hot weekend breakfasts and setup/take down. Sign up for specific spots at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48a9a72fa3fb6-july2> or Lou Loggi (louis.loggi@gmail.com/781-4237) or Laurie Mahoney (LMahone1@rochester.rr.com/747-5852).

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 through email at mjlink@earthlink.net or call 738-1538.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables (14-15 oz)

Canned Soup (Chicken Noodle, Tomato)

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR for July 13 – July 20

Sunday at Third Church

9:00 am	Book Review	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:30 am	Child Care up to Kindergarten	Christian Education Building (CE)
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children in Worship	Sanctuary, under Arnold Park Balcony
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Narthex

Monday, July 14

9:30 am Food Cupboard CC

Tuesday, July 15

9:15 am Morning Prayer Chapel
9:45 am Staff Meeting Parker Room
5:30 pm Music Search Committee Parker Room
6:00 pm Pride Week Movie JH

Wednesday, July 16

5:30 pm Music Search Committee Moot Room

Thursday, July 17

9:30 am Food Cupboard CC
11:00 am Music Search Committee Parker Room
5:30 pm Music Search Committee Moot Arts Room

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry CC
2:00 pm Pride Parade Off Site
12:00 am Youth Return from Montreat

Sunday, July 20

9:00 am Summer Book Review JH
9:15 am Intercessory Prayer Chapel
9:30 am Child Care up to Kindergarten CE
10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
10:15 am Children in Worship Sanctuary/Arnold Park
11:00 am Coffee Hour Narthex
11:00 am Happy Bunch Out to Brunch Off Site
5:30 pm Vacation Bible School Orientation
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