



Seeking the Light

“Our experiences with God do not happen in a vacuum. They are not restricted to special places, since God is not restricted to any place. But they do occur in specific places, and when we acknowledge this fact, we can welcome such places as having meaning for our spiritual lives, our lives with God.”

– David Rensberger,
Reflections on a Spirituality of Place

The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 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: Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity clipboards are available from the ushers.

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 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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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 "Cantabile" Joseph Jongen

* 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 139

LEADER: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.

PEOPLE: **You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

LEADER: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

PEOPLE: **Search me, O God, and know my heart.
See if there is any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

* HYMN 488 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Creator God, we confess that we do not follow your ways, but our own instead. We elevate our desire for worldly success, fame, and satisfaction above the needs of others, especially the people we do not see. In your great mercy, forgive us. Call us back into your intention at our creation: to love others and to love you, to be good stewards of all you have given us and to participate in your reign. Help us to turn away from temptations that distract us, and turn back to you. We pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. 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 8:12-25

(Pew Bible, NT page 158)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Aaron Copland

Riki Connaughton, mezzo-soprano

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

(Pew Bible, OT page 25)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Encounter En Route"

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 192

"God, Our Help and Constant Refuge"

MICHAEL

* 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

"Agnus Dei"

W.A. Mozart

* 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: **God of mystery and grace, you have met us and
 blessed us with abundant promise. In gratitude we
 offer what we carry in our hearts and in our pockets.
 By the movement of your Spirit, use these gifts to
 bless our sisters and brothers in this world, that all
 might experience your grace. In the name of Jesus
 Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 361

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

* 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

"Andante, Grave and Fugue"

Antonio Vivaldi

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of William C. Crain.*

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller
GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Dot Wallace
USHERS: Nancy Adams, Robb Adams, Bill Boller, Priscilla Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke

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MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children in 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 crafts and other activities that relate to our scriptures for the day. 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 welcome to go to the nursery during worship.

Sunday Book Reviews

Summer Sunday Book Reviews take place in Johnston Hall at 9:00: **July 27:** Jim Stewart will review *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee* by Bart Ehrman.

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.

Vacation Bible School: July 21-24

"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. A volunteer orientation will take place today at 5:00pm. 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).

UPT Family Picnic—August 24

Let's gather together and celebrate the good work we have done this past year and look forward to God's calling for our future! The

picnic will take place beginning at 1:30pm at the Shoreline Shelter, Ontario Beach Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade/ice tea will be served at 3:00pm. Bring your family, a dish to pass (*appetizer, salad or dessert*), games, and lawn chairs. RSVP to Karen Walker (Karen@WalkerMedia.net) by August 17.

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.

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

HUNGER SUNDAY
 Next Sunday please bring:
Canned Tuna (packed in water)
Canned Chicken
 Food Cupboard needs your donations
EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR for July 20 – July 27

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
11:00 am	Happy Bunch out to Brunch	<i>Off Site (India House)</i>
5:00 pm	Counselor Training for Vacation Bible School	<i>New Life Presbyterian Church</i>

Monday, July 21

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School	<i>New Life</i>
5:30 pm	Music Search	Parker Room

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, July 27

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
2:00 pm	RAIHN Guests Arrive	CE

Tuesday, July 22

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School	<i>New Life</i>
7:00 pm	Kenya Group	<i>Off Site</i>

Wednesday, July 23

5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School	<i>New Life</i>
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Thursday, July 24

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:00 am	Great Schools	Parker Room
1:00 pm	Book Club	Library
5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School	<i>New Life</i>