



Seeking the Light

"Most of us spend so much time thinking about where we have been or where we are supposed to be going that we have a hard time recognizing where we actually are. When someone asks us where we want to be in our lives, the last thing that occurs to us is to look down at our feet and say, "Here, I guess, since this is where I am."

Barbara Brown Taylor
An Altar in the World

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

August 31, 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 Narthex.

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.

Newsletter: The *Messenger* is published online monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary and in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall. Issues are available on our website www.thirdpresbyterian.org. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter or would to receive notification that the current newsletter is online, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 100).

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

"Adagio"

(from "Symphonie III")

Louis Vierne

Caroline Robinson, *organist*

* 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 105

LEADER:

We will give thanks to you, O Lord,
and call on your name.

PEOPLE:

**We will make known your deeds among the peoples,
sing you our praises,
and tell of all your wonderful works.**

LEADER:

Glory in God's holy name!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

PEOPLE:

Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you. In Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER:

PEOPLE:

* RESPONSE:

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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)

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

LEADER:

PEOPLE:

Romans 12:9-21

(Pew Bible, NT page162)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

"O Jesu, Nomen Dulce"

Heinrich Schütz
Matt Swensen, *tenor*

(translation) O Jesus, sweet name!
Admirable name!
Comforting name!
What truly is sung more sweetly?
What is heard more pleasantly?
What is thought of more dear?
Who but Jesus, God's Son?

O name of Jesus, true food of the soul!
Honey in my mouth, song in my ear,
source of delight in my heart!
Therefore your name, sweetest Jesus,
I will carry in my mouth into eternity!

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

(Pew Bible, OT page 50)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Afraid to Look”

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 396

“O for a Closer Walk with God”

CAITHNESS

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Eric Thiman

* 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: **We praise you, Holy God, for your gracious providence and never-ending presence. Surround us with hope as we seek to be faithful, and give us a glimpse of your glory even when we struggle. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts to us, that we may serve you and do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 281 "Guide Me, O Though 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 "Allegro con brio" Felix Mendelssohn
 (from *Sonata IV*)

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ruth Moser,
 wife of Jim Moser.*

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today with prayers for all educators and students beginning a new academic year.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Jim Stewart
USHERS: Bill Bay, Tim Broshears, Jeff Morrison,
Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Jeff Weis

August 31, 2014



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to Caroline Robinson!

We extend a warm welcome to Caroline Robinson this morning as she begins her work as our new Assistant Organist! She graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and spent the past year as a Fulbright Scholar, studying with Michael Bouvard in Toulouse, France. She's beginning her studies this fall with David Higgs at Eastman.

Children in Worship

We offer quiet activities related to today's scriptures for school aged children during worship at a table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony. There is no upper age limit. The nursery continues to be available, and children up through kindergarten are welcome to go to the nursery during worship.

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.

Chancel Choir Begins September 3

The new season of singing for the Chancel Choir will begin this **Wednesday, September 3** with a "welcome" dinner at 6:15pm and rehearsal from 7:15 – 9:15pm. New members are most welcome to join this talented group that provides inspiring leadership in worship from September through June each year. Commitment to the schedule of rehearsals and services is important, and some music reading ability is helpful. Especially needed are altos and basses, but any voice part is welcome! Please contact Peter DuBois in advance to schedule a time to discuss membership in the choir (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6513, ext 109.

Sisters in Spirit

Friday, September 5, 9:30am, Parlor
Our selection to read and discuss is *A New Harmony: The Spirit, the Earth, and the Human Soul* by Phillip Newell. Visit the new website with information about Sisters in Spirit: <https://sites.google.com/site/sistersinspiritgroup/>

Recital Invitation

Friday, September 5
Immediate past Assistant Organist **Tom Mueller** will be playing his final doctoral recital at 7:00pm at Christ Church, downtown—and all are invited to attend! He'll be playing music of Mendelssohn, Bach, Howell's Whitlock, and Franck.

Reviewing the General Assembly

Sunday, September 14 following the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Join John Wilkinson for a review of actions taken by the 221st General Assembly which met in Detroit in June. We will spend particular time discussing the marriage and Middle East items.

Rally Day—September 7

Join us on the East Avenue lawn following the 10:00am worship service next Sunday for a light lunch provided by the Congregational Fellowship Committee, music of the Meigs Street Ramblers and the opportunity to socialize with your Third church friends. Can you lend a hand? We could use some helpers to either bake some desserts and/or help serve. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext. 118.

Donations for UPT Children's Programs

We are asking UPT congregations to wrap our arms around children in UPT programs

through monthly donations. Current needs are pocket folders and pencils.

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 Tuna (*packed in water*)

Canned Chicken

Food Cupboard needs your donations
EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR for August 31 – September 7

Sunday at Third Church

9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer
9:30 am	Child Care up to Kindergarten
10:00 am	Worship
10:15 am	Children in Worship
11:00 am	Coffee Hour

Chapel
Christian Education Building (CE)
Sanctuary
Sanctuary under Arnold Park Balcony
Narthex

Monday, September 1—Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Peacemaking	Off Site
6:00 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
7:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney Room

Friday, September 5

9:30 am Sisters in Spirit Parlor

Saturday, September 6

9:00 am	Teacher Orientation	JH
9:30 am	Youth Advisor Orientation	CE Youth Lounge
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, September 7 – Rally Day

9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:00 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Church School	CE
11:00 am	Rally Day Celebration	Lawn

Wednesday, September 3

6:15 pm	Chancel Choir Dinner	JH
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, September 4

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Choir Room
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	CC
6:00 pm	Personnel	Whitney Room

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