



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Seeking the Light*

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all the seeds, it seems like nothing. But it's not nothing. That small seed has an entire universe within it. We do not know what good can come from the small things we do.

Mary Ann McKibben Dana  
*For Jacob*

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

June 14, 2015

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)
- 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.

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

**Today** the children of the Church School are leading our worship service, and so all children will be in worship for the entire service.

**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. Copies of the congregational prayer list may be found in the church office.

**More about Membership:** If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks. The next Exploring Membership dinner will take place today at 6:00pm.

**Newsletter:** The *Messenger* is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, 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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### 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 "Partita on 'Simple Gifts'"

Noel Goemanne

CHORAL INTROIT "We Praise You, O God"

ENDLESS FEAST  
Hymn 612, *Glory to God*  
Junior Choir

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

\* 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

Kindergarten & First Grade

LEADER: Thank you, heavenly God, for giving us bushes and trees and birds. Thank you, heavenly God, for giving us sunlight and water and air. Thank you, heavenly God, for giving us seeds to plant so that we can have cucumbers and blueberries and peppers and apple trees and mustard bushes and sunflowers.

PEOPLE: **It is good to give thanks to the Lord.**

LEADER: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for teaching about the kingdom of God. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for teaching in stories that children can understand. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth and teaching the people.

PEOPLE: **It is good to give thanks to the Lord.**

LEADER: Thank you, Holy Spirit, for helping us understand God's promises. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for helping us learn about faith. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for helping us make good choices. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for helping us be part of the church.

PEOPLE: **It is good to give thanks to the Lord.**

\* HYMN 714 "God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER  
of CONFESSION

Fifth Grade

We confess that we have taken your love for granted. We have forgotten how much you care for us. We need to put more of our lives in your hands and have faith. Forgive us for not trusting you. Forgive us for the times when we have allowed other noises to become louder than your voice, and when our behavior has been consumed by jealousy or hatred. Let us hold on to and trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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:  
PEOPLE:

Friends, believe the Good News!  
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

SACRAMENT  
of BAPTISM  
PRESENTATION  
THE ACT OF BAPTIZING  
WELCOME

*Nyla Belle Adsit*

ELDER:

Nyla is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism God has made her a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. We, the members of this congregation, have

promised to nurture and to love this child, and to assist her to be a faithful disciple.

**PEOPLE:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ.**

**BAPTISMAL RESPONSE**

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized  
2. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
with the Spir - it's sign, With this wa - ter God has  
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.  
give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980  
Tune: V. Earle Copes, 1959

**ANTHEM "Grow In Me"**

Tom S. Long and Allen Pote  
Junior Choir  
Beth Fischer, *accompanist*

God's word is like a seed that hides inside the earth,  
where only eyes of faith can see its worth.  
Yet even when we sleep, the tiny seed that dies  
will rise to greater life and touch the skies.

Grow, grow, secretly.  
Word of God grow in me.  
Grow, grow, till by your love,  
I am what I should be.

Small limbs that taste the sun may someday tower high  
and shelter in their arms all things that fly.  
So may we also grow; till reaching out with grace,  
through us you hold the world in your embrace.

*Grow, grow...*

**TEACHER and  
ADVISOR RECOGNITION**

**MINUTE for MISSION**

Heifer Project Update, Sixth Grade Class

**DEDICATION of BOOKS**

## 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.*

## ANTHEM "Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love" Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love, Who, from yon bright throne above, Ever watchful o'er our race, Still to us extends His grace.

Heav'n and earth by God were made, All is by God's scepter sway'd; What are we that God should show So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, Bought us with the Savior's blood, And, to make our safety sure, Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore God's name; Let God's glory be thy theme: Praise God till He calls thee home, Trust God's love for all to come.

- *From the 1841 Protestant Episcopal Hymnal (USA)*

## GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:26-34 Common English Bible

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvest time."

He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

## SERMON "Sowing Seeds" John Wilkinson

## \* HYMN 250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower" PROMISE

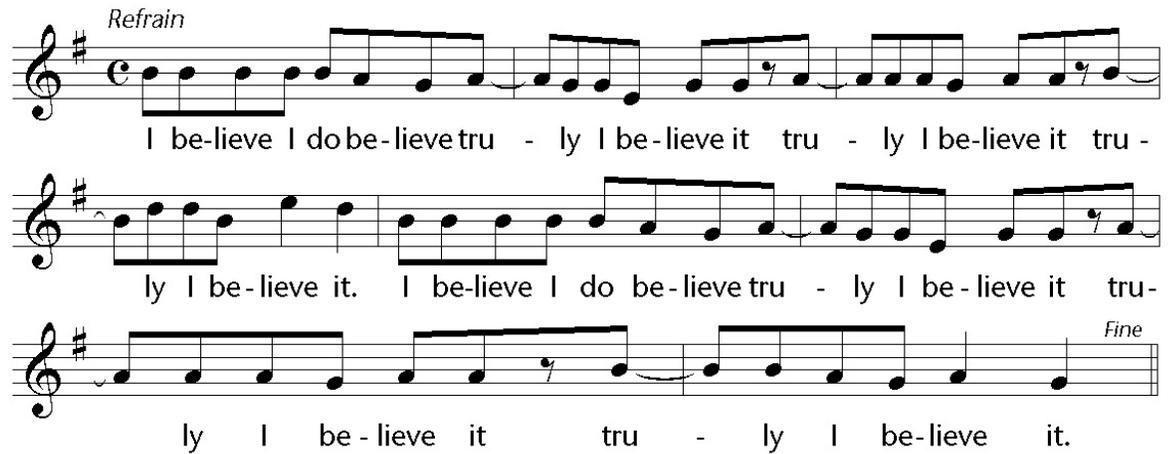
## \* AFFIRMATION of FAITH Third Grade

**We believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe God is awesome. God gave us Jesus, and created animals, light, water, and seeds to grow food. We believe God created men and women in God's own image to spread God's word. God gave us tools to plant things like mustard seeds to grow food to feed all the people. We believe that like the bushes**

that grow from the mustard seed and spread their branches, we must create shelter to protect our environment and all its inhabitants. Loving God, help us to live our lives with your spirit surrounding us. Thank you for the tools you have given us to spread your word and your gifts throughout the world. Amen.

\* AFFIRMATION  
RESPONSE

*Refrain*



I be-lieve I do be-lieve tru - ly I be-lieve it tru - ly I be-lieve it tru -  
ly I be-lieve it. I be-lieve I do be-lieve tru - ly I be-lieve it tru -  
ly I be-lieve it tru - ly I be-lieve it. *Fine*

*Verses*



1. I be-lieve in God the Al-migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh -  
2. I be-lieve in Je - sus the Sav - ior of the peo - ple, Sav -  
3. And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spir - it, Pow -  
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PRAYERS of the PEOPLE *(Prayer Request cards are available in pew pockets and can be placed in the offering plate.)*

LORD'S PRAYER HYMN 464 "Our Father, Which Art in Heaven"  
(remain seated) (congregation sings "hallowed-a be thy name.")

WEST INDIAN

PRESENTATION  
of OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "He Comes to Us as One Unknown" arr. John Ferguson

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth; to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving Name, for every child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored; the Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Savior and our Lord.

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

\* 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:** As a mustard seed grows into a large bush, may these gifts grow God's family and help all of God's children. May we grow in our faith and in our commitment as the mustard seed does, providing comfort to all who come under its shade. Amen.

**\* HYMN 36** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD Y NOS

**\* CHARGE**  
and **BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL**  
**RESPONSE**

**\* GREETING**

**POSTLUDE** "Fast Cycles"

Nico Muhly

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Chisholm, Robert and June Wright, Linda W. Streeter, and Doris and James Chisholm.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in honor of all those accompanying our children and youth on their faith journey.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

**PREACHER:** John Wilkinson  
**LITURGISTS:** Martha C. Langford, Lynette Sparks  
**ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM:** Susan Fox  
**ACOLYTE:** Michael Chen  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:** Peter DuBois  
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Mary Ann Rutkowski  
**ASSISTANT ORGANIST:** Caroline Robinson  
**GREETERS:** Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison,  
Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler  
Children of Third Church School  
**USHERS:** Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting,  
Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers,  
Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler  
Children of Third Church School  
**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** Deacons, Parish I: Miriam Gale, Anne Sievers

**CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING on JUNE 21.** The Session invites you to a congregational gathering on **Sunday, June 21, 2015** following the 10:45 a.m. worship service to hear and discuss a proposal from the Session that Third Church consider calling the Reverend Lynette K. Sparks as Associate Pastor. This gathering will not take that action; rather, it will provide an opportunity defined by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley's Committee on Ministry (COM) to gather feedback and input and to answer any questions you might have. All are welcome.



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