



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Asserting hope can be rather meaningless unless we have some experience of fulfilment in the here and now. Without it, it is probably not even possible to hope. Certainly Jesus' word about future hope — which some today wish he had never uttered or deny that he ever uttered — never came true for the most of the poor and hungry. Yet in another sense they became real in the lives of many of his contemporaries and are still real today. We live in the tension between hope-informed life and love in the here and now, and increasing exposure to the hopelessness which many people face.

William Loader

The Worship of God Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015

8:30 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 this evening 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

* 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

adapted from Psalm 92

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to God Most High;

PEOPLE: **To declare God's steadfast love in the morning
and God's faithfulness at nighttime.**

LEADER: Planted in the house of the Lord,
the just flourish and bear fruit all their years;

PEOPLE: **To declare God's integrity and righteousness,
our rock, in whom no fault can be found.**

* HYMN 682

"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"

ELLESDIE

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach the fullness of your purpose for us. In Christ's 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: 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

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 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 *(Pew Bible, NT page 181)*

SOLO "O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless" G.F. Handel
 Michaela Swan, mezzo-soprano

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:26-34 *(Pew Bible, NT page 38)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
 PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Hope: in the here and now" Martha Langford

*** 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.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we
strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy
and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new
heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. 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 "O Rest in the Lord"

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: **Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish your purposes in this world. Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to what you are doing, so that life and hope may flourish in the here and now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 714 "God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

* 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 Jim Chisholm, Robert and June Wright, Linda W. Streeter, and Doris and James Chisholm.

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha C. Langford
LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois
USHERS: Deb Allyn, Suzy Hengerer

June 14, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual Formation

Today and June 21 at 9:30am: *The Power of Disturbing Stories: through the lens of Barbara Brown Taylor and Amy Jill Levine*. Led by Jim Stewart.

One June 28 as Third Church moves into its summer schedule, our Adult Spiritual Formation Committee invites you to get lost in a good book. Our summer Sunday offerings include a series of book reviews by church staff and members of the congregation. We hope that you will make your way to Johnston Hall at 9:00am on Sunday mornings to hear more about a good book.

June 28: Matt Althouse
One Nation Under God by Kevin Krause

Exploring Membership Dinner—Today, 6:00pm

The "Exploring Membership Dinner" is an opportunity to share your story, hear from others about the journeys that brought us here, and explore ways to connect with the people here. Following the dinner, those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend one of two New Member Gatherings: immediately following the dinner from 7:30 to 9:00pm or from 8:30 to 10:00am on Sunday, June 21. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please RSVP to Lynette Sparks at 271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Peter DuBois in Recital

Tuesday, June 16, 12:10-12:35pm
Peter DuBois will be performing in the weekly "Tuesday Pipes" series at Christ Church, downtown (East Avenue at Broadway). He will perform works by J.S. Bach, Dan Locklair, and

Johann Pachelbel. All are invited to this free recital.

Living Waters Wednesdays

June 17, 6:00pm, Chapel

Join us in the Third Church Chapel for this worship opportunity with Martha Langford leading worship. This will be the final service of the program year.



Thursday Voices

Thursday, June 18, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall
Martha Langford will lead a discussion on Elizabeth Moltmann-Wendel's *Experiencing God Physically*.

Evening Out at the Ball Park!

Friday, June 19, 7:05pm

The Congregational Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an evening at the Red Wings. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch by Monday (271-6513, ext. 118) rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Take Stock in our Youth

In July, 24 Third Presbyterian Church youth and six adult leaders are embarking on a journey to Montreat, the Presbyterian Conference center in Black Mountain, NC. Consider "buying stock" in our youth to help fund this faith-filled experience. Contact Mary Ellen Knickerbocker (mecknick@rochester.rr.com).

Summer Sizzle at the Corner Place

Corner Place Fundraiser

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 to 9:00pm

Susie's Irresistibles, 35 Whitestone Lane

Shop for one-of-a-kind jewelry at **Susie's Irresistibles** and you'll be supporting Rochester's urban youth Summer Sizzle program. RSVP to Amy Mangieri by June 12 at (585-802-7968) or AMangieri@rochester.rr.com.

Volunteering at Corner Place

The Corner Place, an after school program, is seeking to pilot a summer program that meets two evenings a week in the Upper Monroe area. The mission is to provide additional enrichment when school is not in session and positive activities locally after 6:00pm. If you like working with children and can offer three

to seven hours twice a week, consider this rewarding experience. Application materials available at : ingoodcompanyarts@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast in Johnston Hall

Come Saturday, June 20 at 8:30am for breakfast (\$5 donation) and stimulating discussion. RSVP to Andrew Elder at andrew_elder@pobox.com if you can make it.

Hunger Sunday

Food Cupboard has an ongoing need for Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Cereal

CALENDAR for June 14 – June 21

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15 pm	Sixth Grade Jr. Choir Lunch	Off Site
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	JH

Monday, June 15

9:00 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC

Tuesday, June 16

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	New Trustee Dinner	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Deacons	JH
7:00 pm	Trustees	CC

Wednesday, June 17

6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel

Thursday, June 18

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
7:00 pm	Bell Choir Festival Rehearsal	Moot Room

Friday, June 19

7:05 pm	Red Wings Game	Off Site
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Saturday, June 20

8:30 am	Men's Breakfast	JH
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, June 21

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
8:30 am	New Member Gathering	Library
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	EAGR Kick-Off Meeting	CC
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:00 am	Session/New Members	Library
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Congregational Gathering	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off Site

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