



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

Terms like election, redemption, and adoption have become part of my theological vocabulary... and while I believe that there is a plan for the fullness of time, my eyes do not always see it in the world around me. In a world full of injustice, pain and division, these words of adoption, grace and gathering all things up are sometimes hard to hear. Indeed, there is tension between what God has already done in Christ and what is left to be done in the world.

Elizabeth Smith

**The Worship of God
More Light Sunday**

July 12, 2015

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 are 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.

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. 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.

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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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 "Variations on an Old American Tune" Zachary Wadsworth
Theme~Var. 1: Sprightly, with wit~Var. II: Adagio!~Var. III: Quick, dancing ~Var. IV: Vivace!~Var. V: Adagio con Molto Rubato

* **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

LEADER: God has accomplished all things through Christ,
PEOPLE: **so that we might live as God's own children.**
LEADER: Let us give thanks to God—
PEOPLE: **and live for the praise of God's glory.**

* **HYMN 391** "This Is the Day" ESTE ES EL DIA

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. In repentance, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. 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. (Nursery Room 107)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 24

(Pew Bible, OT page 502)

Read responsively by verse.

SOLO

"Zion's Walls"

Aaron Copland

Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

(Pew Bible, NT page 192)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Gathering In"

Martha Langford

* HYMN 401

"Here in this Place"

GATHER US IN

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
& 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 "My Heart Ever Faithful"

J.S. Bach

* 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: **Glorious God, you created us because you are love. It is your will and our destiny that we live into the full humanity of Jesus Christ so that we can join with all things in heaven and on earth to rejoice in your goodness forever. We bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us. As we return them to you with our thanksgiving, bless them with the power of your love so that they may touch the lives of others and inspire them to join us in giving you thanks and praise. Amen.**

* HYMN 301 "Let Us Build a House"

TWO OAKS

* 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

"Variations on an Old American Tune" Zachary Wadsworth
Variation VI: Joyfully

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 Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
in recognition of More Light Sunday.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford
LITURGIST: John Wilkinson, Rob Keefe
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Bonnie DeHollander, Betty Iwan, Jim Stewart
USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Miriam Gale, Gloria Pleger,
Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers, Jeff Sprague

July 12, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Book Reviews

Today at 9:00am:

Redefining Realness, by Janet Mock
led by Susie Kieren

Third Church has moved into its summer schedule. We hope that you will make your way to Johnston Hall at 9:00am on Sunday mornings to hear more about a good book.

JULY 19:

The Road to Character, by David Brooks
led by James Moore

JULY 26:

The 5 Love Languages, by Gary Chapman
led by Becky D'Angelo-Veitch

AUGUST 2:

Convictions, by Marcus Borg
led by James Stewart

AUGUST 9:

Three Women of Hope; Esther in Exile and Five Women by Christianne Méroz
led by translator Dennis Wienk

Pride Week Events

July 14 – Movie Night

6:00pm in Johnston Hall

Third Church More Light and Sage Rochester will present the movie *Pride*. All are invited to come to the movie and stay for conversation to follow. *Pride* is an extraordinary true story of solidarity set in 1984 when Britain's National Union of Mineworkers was on strike and a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists raised money to support the strikers' families.

July 18 - Pride Parade

2:00pm: Staging for the parade will take place near the intersection of Argyle and Park Avenue.

3:00pm: Pride Parade steps off down Park Avenue. This year's theme is "SciFi Pride: May the Pride be with You!" Get in on the fun by

walking with other Third Church members. Contact Rob White at rwhiteacct@aol.com.

Youth

Our Youth are at the Montreat Youth Conference for the week. Keep them in your prayers.

Camp Cory Reminder

Reminder! Camp Cory forms and payments are due to Mary Ann Rutkowski on **Thursday, July 16!** Forms are available on the church website under both the Children's Ministry and Youth resources tabs. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mary Ann at mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Summer of the Century

Join us this summer for informal discussions around thoughtful articles from recent *Christian Century* editions, with leaders Jim Stewart, Paul Gongloff, and Lynette Sparks. Conversations will be on Thursdays from noon-1pm, beginning July 16 through August 20. Copies of articles will be available in the literature rack outside the church office.

Summer Sizzle at the Corner Place

The Corner Place Arts Academy is sponsoring a pilot summer enrichment program, Summer Sizzle. Co-directed by Melanie Jones and Sarah Peters, the program offers two evenings (6 to 8 pm) a week of engaging and fun activities for elementary youth in the Upper Monroe neighborhood. We will begin our program on Monday, July 13 and end on August 19 (*no programming during the week of July 27*). The cost to families is \$20 per child for the summer. Activities include local field trips, arts and crafts, and science experiments. Volunteers are welcome to contact Sarah

Peters at ingoodcompanyarts@gmail.com,
585-705-7277.

Vacation Bible School—"Growing God's Garden"

July 27-30, New Life Presbyterian Church

Join us as we gather on the front lawn of New Life Presbyterian Church to Share God's love and learn of God's Word for each of us. Kids and grown-ups will snack, sing, learn Bible stories and memory verses through skits and storytelling, and participate in daily *specials!* For those wishing to serve in the VBS 2015 ministry (grade 6 and up, plus adults), there's a role for YOU! For those able to join our staff this year, come **Sunday, July 26 at 5:00pm** to New Life for a picnic and run-through of the evenings to come. Contact Ann McMican at mcmould@rochester.rr.com or Barbara Durfee at ddurfees@frontiernet.net or 586-9942.

Save the Date for Elvis to Elton Picnic

PICNIC BY THE ERIE CANAL

(Sixties Or Seventies...plus or minus that age!)
Our FOURTH Annual Summer Picnic will take place, rain or shine, at Perinton Park on **Wednesday, July 29** beginning at 4:00pm.

Again we ask that you bring bocce, badminton, basketballs, frisbees, cards and other fun summer games. There is a tennis court if you'd like to get a match together, or take a walk along the canal path for a nice summer stroll. You may come for the entire time or drop in for a picnic supper with us.

UPT 2nd Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 2, 1:30pm
Shoreline Shelter, Ontario Beach Park
Hot dogs & hamburgers served at 3:00pm. Lemonade/Ice Tea will be provided. Please bring your family, a dish to pass, lawn chairs, games and swimsuits. RSVP to the church office at 271-6513 or cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org. Let's gather together and celebrate the good work of Urban Presbyterians Together this past year and look forward to God's call for the future!

Hunger Sunday

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

CALENDAR for July 12 – July 19

Sunday at Third Church

9:00 am	Summer Book Review	JH
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister

Monday, July 13

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00 pm	Corner Place Summer Sizzle	Off Site

Saturday, July 18

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
3:00 pm	Pride Parade	Off Site

Tuesday, July 14

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Pride Movie Night	JH

Sunday, July 19

9:00 am	Summer Book Review	JH
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Brunch	Off Site
2:00pm	Memorial Service for Taylor Keller	Sanctuary
3:00pm	Memorial Service Reception	JH

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 pm	Corner Place Summer Sizzle	Off Site
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Thursday, July 16

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00 pm	Summer of the <i>Century</i>	JH

Friday, July 17

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