



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

The seed is a household object
but at the same time it is a revolutionary symbol.

Ai Weiwei

The earth is rocky and full of roots; it's clay, and it seems doomed and polluted, but you dig little holes for the ugly shriveled bulbs, throw in a handful of poppy seeds, and cover it all over, and you know you'll never see it again – it's death and clay and shrivel, and your hands are nicked from the rocks, your nails black with soil.

Anne Lamott

We each have a seed sprouting in us.

It is our faith.

If we take care of it, it will grow.

If we ignore it, it will wither away.

The seed is a magical place.

It is where you and God learn and love each other.

How big is your seed?

Tricia

**The Worship of God
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day**

September 13, 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: 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 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. The next Exploring Membership Dinner will take place October 4.

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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Caroline Robinson, Assistant Organist	
Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 "Fanfare" John Cook

CHORAL INTROIT "All That Hath Life and Breath,
Praise Ye the Lord" René Clausen

* 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: O Lord, open my lips—
PEOPLE: **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
LEADER: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease—
PEOPLE: **Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.**

* HYMN 15 "All Creatures of Our Lord and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Stanzas 1 & 2 – all
Stanza 3 – low voices
Stanza 4 – all
Stanza 5 – treble voices
Stanza 6 - all

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
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

(Children, age 3 through sixth grade, may depart for church school and child care following the children's message. You may exit through the doors to the left of the pulpit to get to the Education Building.)

DISMISSAL
 of CHILDREN

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)
 TALLIS' CANON
 I. II.
 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.

FOCUS on MISSION

East Avenue Grocery Run

PSALM LESSON Psalm 19:1-4 *(Pew Bible, OT page 498)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Heavens are Telling"
(from The Creation) Franz Josef Haydn
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*
Anders Namestnik, *tenor*
Cody Muller, *bass*

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; Today that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.
- from Psalm 19

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38 *(Pew Bible, NT page 43)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Horses on Parade XV" John Wilkinson

* HYMN 718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" BOURBON

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

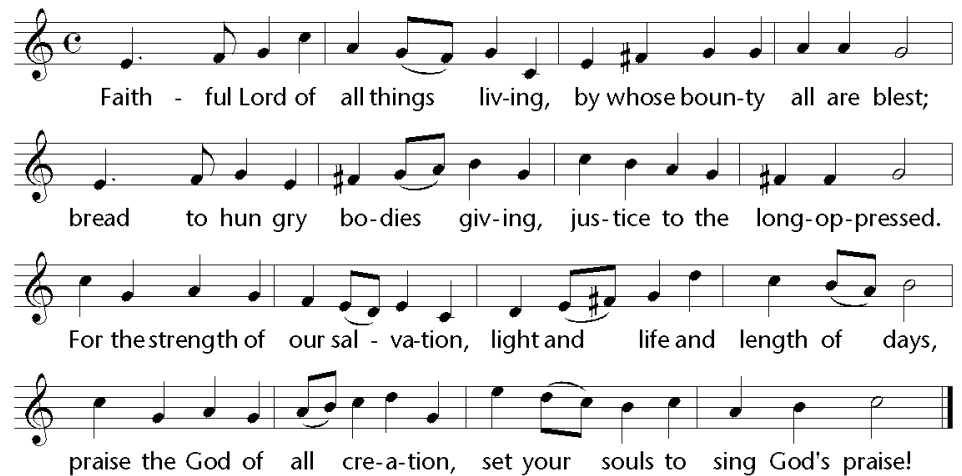
ANTHEM "O Clap Your Hands"

R. Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God; sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King.

- from Psalm 47

* 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: **Gracious and merciful God, we give you thanks and praise for every good gift, for your love, for our life together in community, for the call we share to serve you. Bless us as we give, and bless us as our faith and service grow. May all that we say and do and are give witness to your grace. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.**

* HYMN 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.
- Numbers 6:24

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Finale" Charles-Marie Widor
(from *Symphonie VI*)

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Roberta and Frank Bennett,
parents of Doug, Nancy and Kate Bennett
and grandparents of Julia Hermanson.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
to give thanks for the start of a new program year and for our shared ministry.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Corni Labrum
ACOLYTES: Lily Hutkowski, Jonathan Lutzer
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler
USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers

Today is Rally Day!

Join us on the East Avenue lawn following the 10:00am worship service 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.

TODAY IS A NAMETAG SUNDAY. You will find nametags in your bulletin. Please write your name on the nametag, wear it and greet those worshipping with you at the end of the service and at lunch.

September 13, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 108.

Pictorial Directory Updates

Pictorial Directory Update are available today following worship.

Pick Up an Old Hymnal

You are invited to take a copy or two of the old blue *The Presbyterian Hymnal* with you today, to have at home, or to pass along to a loved one. Free copies will be available for pick up at a table near the Rally Day tent after worship. "Those who sing, pray twice..." *St. Augustine*

Is Greeting at Third Church in Your Future?

The Greeters at Third Church were established over 10 years ago to enhance the welcoming atmosphere of our Church. It's a fun job that requires only one Sunday per month, September-June. It's a great way to see all the friends that you may otherwise miss in our large church. Also, you play a vital role in welcoming our guests and demonstrating to them that we are proud of our friendly congregation. We are looking for indoor greeters, parking lot greeters, and substitute greeters.

Please contact Bernie Todd Smith 737-0859 or btoddsmith32@gmail.com for

more information about your role in this important job.

Tithing Your Time: Sunday School Teachers Needed!

If a child grows in this congregation from birth, they will enjoy nine years of formal classroom experience as well as time in our church nursery. As we continue to look to fill Sunday school teaching posts in kindergarten and fifth grade, we ask church members to consider how they have allocated their time in church, and encourage our whole congregation to be active in our child(ren)'s faith formation. For information on teaching, to see curriculum samples, or to discuss team teaching possibilities, please be in contact with Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or Kris Pochodylo at kpochodylo@rochester.rr.com.

Grocery Guy Needs You on November 7!

The East Avenue Grocery Run has raised more than \$100,000 for the Third Church Dining Room Ministry and Food Cupboard as well as Foodlink and other local food pantries!

We need YOU to make this year's event the best yet! Here's how you can help:

- Visit our Rally Day table to register to run or walk the 5K or 1 mile course.
- Pitch in on race day as a greeter, server, marshal, or other fun assignment!
- Create an online fundraiser at www.crowdrise.com/groceryrun2015

and invite friends and family to fight hunger in our community!

Junior Choir

All children, grades 3-6, are invited to sing in the Junior Choir. This wonderful group rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 5:30pm. The choir participates in worship each Sunday during the program year. ***The first Wednesday rehearsal will be September 16.*** Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski for more information: 271-6537, ext.101 or email: mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Acolyte Sign-ups

Acolyte sign-ups for any youth from 7th through 12th grades will take place **today**. Stop and meet Molly Carlson and Cori Averill, the acolyte coordinators, at their table, near the Rally Day tent, after worship. If you have any questions, contact them: (Molly: 442-1364 or mollycarlson@frontier.com or Cori: 481-2274 or coriandleanne@aol.com). Come be an important part of our worship!

Thursday Voices at Noon in Johnston Hall

Thursday, September 17

Martha Langford will lead a discussion on "For What Shall I Pray," a blog by Martha L. Wharton, published June 22, 2015.

Sunday Seminar

September 20, 27, 9:30am

"How Presbyterians Interpret Scripture" is the topic John Wilkinson will address for the next two Sundays in Johnston Hall.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, September 20, 9:30am

Mark 9:30-37—*The first shall be last* is the scripture that will be explored in the Parlor.

Chamber Music Society Concert

Sunday, September 20, 3:00pm

The Society for Chamber Music in Rochester opens its 39th season with a concert in the Third Church Sanctuary which includes music by Zelenka, Telemann, Vivaldi, Leclair, Corelli and features the Bach "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2". Pre-concert talk begins 30 minutes before the scheduled concert time.

Special ticket price for Third Church Members \$20, ADVANCE SALE ONLY—must be purchased in advance in the church office, during regular office hours on weekdays. No Sunday sales, and all tickets at the door will be at the regular price of \$30. Students are admitted FREE with valid ID. Ticket and general information: chambermusicrochester.org.

Men's Reconnection Group

Monday, September 14, 7:00pm

The Men's Reconnection Group is a monthly hour-long opportunity for the men of the church to get together on an informal basis for fellowship, relaxing and reconnection. Contact Jeremy Peters at pbsfan6@gmail.com.

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, September 16, 12:00pm

Local author Donovan Schilling will speak about Rochester's early transportation. AARP-eligible members and friends of Third Church are invited to come for a soup and sandwich lunch (\$7 per person). RSVP to Dot Wallace today (223-8502) so that we can plan for food.

Shawl Knitting Ministry

Wednesday, September 16, 5:00pm, Parlor
Contact Sue Spaulding (342-9568)

Living Waters Wednesdays Returns



Living Waters Wednesdays, our midweek service, returns **September 16**. Join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm for a wonderful service of music, reflection and prayer. Those who attended last year know what a wonderful opportunity this affords in the middle of the week. If you intended to attend last year but never got around to it, here's your invitation!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 19, 8:30am

The Men's Breakfast will take place in Johnston Hall next Saturday. A \$5 donation for the meal is suggested. RSVP to Paul Bishop (pabishop@live.com) or Andrew Elder (andrew_elder@pobox.com).

Happy Bunch Lunch

Sunday, September 20, 12:00pm

The Happy Bunch will lunch at NAPA Wood Fired Pizza, 573 S. Clinton Avenue. Contact Karen Anne Bills. (karenannebills@gmail.com)

Monday Yoga

Monday, September 21, 6:30pm

The Yoga group will again meet in Johnston Hall beginning September 21.

Enneagram Classes

Amy Stratton-Smith and Susan Rupp will again offer Enneagram classes. A stand-alone class on **Tuesday, September 22** from 7:00-9:00pm at the Mercy Spirituality Center, 65 Highland Avenue, will offer a

brief overview of the Enneagram to introduce basic concepts and the nine personality types. The Enneagram Foundations Class is a 10-week series which offers a solid introduction to the Enneagram as a map for personal transformation. Classes will meet Tuesday mornings at Third Church or Tuesday evenings at the Mercy Spirituality Center beginning September 29. Contact Susan Rupp at JCSRL@aol.com/586-5473 or Amy Stratton-Smith (ameliajean123@gmail.com or 224-9051).

Papal Encyclical on the Environment

Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm

Pope Francis' second papal encyclical, "Laudato Si ('Be praised' or 'Praise to you'): On the Care of Our Common Home," has drawn significant global attention.

Join us for an evening to explore this important document. We will be led by Fr. Joseph Hart, a priest in the Diocese of Rochester who has served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia with Bishops Clark and Madolo and who now serves Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More parishes.

Heritage Members Lunch

September 27, 12:15pm, Celebration Center

All Third Church members who have achieved 75 years of life experience are cordially invited to lunch! Invitations will be mailed soon. Please reserve your place by calling the church office at 271-6513.

Office Volunteers Needed!

Several volunteer positions are available! Please consider helping your church office. Contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org to discuss the various opportunities.

UPT School Support Team

School has begun and it's not too late to think about school supplies for the coming year. Think about donating the following supplies for the six programs Urban Presbyterians Together support:

Composition Notebooks
Spiral Notebooks
Children's Scissors
Pencils
Construction Paper

Hunger Sunday

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

SEVEN THINGS TO SAY TO GUESTS IN A WORSHIP SERVICE

1. "Thank you for being here."
2. "Let me help you with that."
3. "Please take my seat."
4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way."
5. "Can I show you where you need to go?"
6. "Let me introduce you to _____."
7. "Would you join us for coffee hour?"

CALENDAR for-September 13—September 20

Sunday at Third Church

9:00 am	Junior Choir	Moot Arts Room
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Church School	CE
11:00 am	Rally Day Picnic	Lawn

Monday, September 14

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
7:00 pm	Men's Reconnection	Whitney Room

Tuesday, September 15

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Combined Boards Meeting	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Session Meeting	CC
7:45 pm	Trustee Meeting	Whitney Room
7:45 pm	Deacon Meeting	JH

Wednesday, September 16

10:00 am	Mothers of Young Children	CE/B07
12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	JH
4:00 pm	Triple Play	JH
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	JH
5:30 pm	Junior Choir	Moot Arts Room
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
7:00 pm	Outreach Steering Committee	Parker Room
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, September 17

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room

Friday, September 18

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Child Care	CE
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Commissioning Class Info Mtg	CE/207
9:45 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Montreat Tea	JH
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Qabats Parent Meeting	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
3:00 pm	Chamber Music Society Concert	Sanctuary

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