



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

The people who love, because they are freed through the truth of God, are the most revolutionary people on earth. They are the ones who upset all values; they are the explosives in human society. Such persons are the most dangerous. For they have recognized that people are untruthful in the extreme, and they are ready at any time, and just for the sake of love, to permit the light of truth to fall on them.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
A Testament to Freedom, 206

**The Worship of God
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 13, 2016

8:30 a.m.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE *"Adagio from Concerto in A minor, BWV 593"* J. S. Bach
Johann Sebastian Bach (after Antonio Vivaldi)

* DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS
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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

* CALL to WORSHIP Psalm 126:1-3

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

People: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

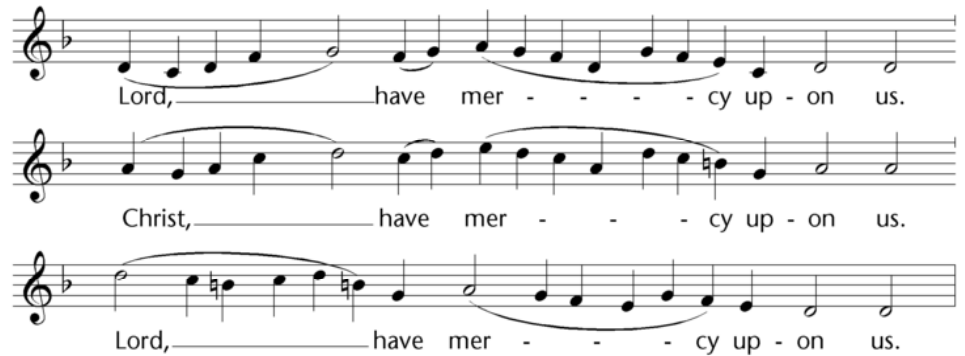
People: **The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

* HYMN 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have focused our attention on our own sufferings and paid little attention to your sufferings in the world. We have been concerned about what you might do for us and failed to perceive how we might be part of what you are doing to redeem, restore, and reconcile your creation. We have sought to please ourselves rather than seeking to understand your call to us and its demands upon us. We repent of our self-centeredness, ask your forgiveness, and pray that our minds and hearts would be renewed for faithful service to you through your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER
KYRIE



Three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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:



Three staves of musical notation in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 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 Philippians 3:4b-14 (Pew Bible, NT page 198)
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Day and Night I Call to Thee" C. P. E. Bach
Anders Namestnik, tenor

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT page 106)

SERMON "Intentions Matter" Ernest Krug

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH *from the Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of all persons. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of all persons in every kind of need.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
and THE LORD'S
PRAYER

(Prayer request cards area available in pew pockets and can be placed in the offering place.)

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

"Litanei"

Franz Schubert

* 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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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: **Loving God, take the offerings of our resources and our lives and bless them to be part of what you are doing in the world to reconcile all people to each other and to yourself. Give us wisdom to see how we can recommit ourselves to growing in faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ and be**

instruments of your peace and healing in the world
around us. Amen.

* HYMN 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

* 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 "Praeludium in G minor, WoO 10" Johannes Brahms

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the parents
and grandparents of the Comstock and Hunsberger families.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in remembrance and gratitude
for all the saints who from their labor rest.*

*This weekend, John Wilkinson is in Chicago to participate in a worship service that will
mark the closing of St. James Presbyterian Church, where John served his first call as
pastor.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Ernest Krug
LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
USHERS: Deb Allyn, Suzy Hengerer

March 13, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Living Waters Wednesdays

Martha Langford will lead the service on March 16. Join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

Lenten Voices (Thursdays)

March 17, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40
led by John Wilkinson

Special Music For Lent

The Chancel Choir, with soloists, will present two performances of Johannes Brahms' masterwork, "Ein Deutsches Requiem" today, led by Peter DuBois. The first performance will be during an extended **10:45am** worship service (lasting until approximately 12:15pm), with a second offering **7:30pm** that evening. This is being presented in part with support from the Lois V. Parker Special Music Fund.

Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale the Choir of Royal Holloway concert on April 8 at 7:30pm in our Sanctuary. Tickets may be purchased ONLINE at www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets; in the Church Office during the week; or at coffee hour following worship. This concert is being presented, in part,

with significant support given in loving memory of Elizabeth S. Hansen. It is also being presented in partnership with WXXI Public Broadcasting.

Church Ladies

March 18, 6:30 pm, Johnston Hall
Introducing a new opportunity for women: Church Ladies, Fellowship with Purpose. Please join us for our first event: A "Stone Salad" Dinner. Women of all ages and stages are encouraged to come! RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118.

Gen Silent—the LGBT Aging Film

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for Third Church

Third Church More Light and Sage Rochester will co-host a pot-luck dinner at Third Church from 5:00-6:30pm on **March 30**. We will then carpool to the Cinema Theater for the CRCDS Christian Faith & LGBT Experience lecture at 7:00pm. This year's program includes screening of the documentary *Gen Silent—the LGBT Aging Film*. Please RSVP to the church office at 271-6513 by Friday, March 25.

Holy Week and Easter at Third Church

Sunday, March 20
(Palm Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 10:45am
Meet in the Chapel at 10:30am to join the palm processional

Tuesday, March 22

Morning Prayer in the Chapel at 9:15am

Wednesday, March 23

Living Waters Wednesday, 6:00pm
Third Church Bass Soloist Cody Muller and his collaborative artist

Zachary Peterson will present *Passion de Jean*, by Patrick Dunnevant

Thursday, March 24
(Maundy Thursday)

Lenten Voices Study at 12:00pm in Johnston Hall

Thursday, March 24
(Maundy Thursday)

Tenebrae Service with Communion at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 25
(Good Friday)

Good Friday Worship at 12:15pm in the Chapel

Sunday, March 27
(Easter Sunday)

Sunrise Service at CRCDS at 6:30am
Festival Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 9:00am and 11:00am (note schedule change)

Calendar for March 13 – March 20

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:00 am	Lily Delivery	Columbarium
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship/Lenten Special Music	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:15 pm	Youth Committee Meeting	Youth Lounge/CE 207
1:30 pm	Youth and Children's Ministry	Cameron Community Ministries
7:30 pm	Brahms' Requiem Performance	Bowling Sanctuary Moot Room

5:30 pm Third Church Ringers

Monday, March 14

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	ESM Organ Dept Colloquium	Sanctuary

Friday, March 18

9:30 am	Sister's in Spirit	Parlor
6:30 pm	The Church Ladies	JH

Tuesday, March 15

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Deacons	JH
7:00 pm	Trustees	CC

Saturday, March 19

10:00 am	Commissioning Class Faith Statement Retreat	Youth Lounge/CE
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Wednesday, March 16

12:00 pm	Calvin's Guild	JH
12:00 pm	Corner Place Steering Committee	off-site
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:00 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Moot Room, Sanctuary, CE Building
5:30 pm	Junior Choir	Moot Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Sunday, March 20

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:15 am	Carol Choir warm up	Moot Room
10:30 am	Gather for processional	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off site
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Room
4:30 pm	Jr. High Bells	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	Youth Lounge/CC

Thursday, March 17

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

EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Easter decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "Easter Decorations" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Easter bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

In loving memory of:

In honor of:

In celebration of:

The deadline for receiving donations is Palm Sunday, March 20.