



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Hello darkness, my old friend,
I've come to talk with you again,
Because a vision softly creeping,
Left its seeds while I was sleeping,
And the vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains
Within the sound of silence.

Paul Simon

The Sound of Silence

The Worship of God
Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

8:30am and 10:45am

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 "Processional" William Mathias
(8:30)

INTROIT "This is the Day" (music by Les Garrett)
(10:45) Carol Choir and Junior Choir

Choir: This is the day, Psalm 118:24
People: This is the day,
Choir: That the Lord has made.
People: That the Lord has made.
Choir: We will rejoice
People: We will rejoice
Choir: and be glad in it.
People: and be glad in it.
All: This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Choir: This is the day,
People: This is the day,
All: That the Lord has made!

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCLAMATION
of the ENTRANCE
into JERUSALEM

Luke 19:28-40

- Leader: After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, **saying**, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this: The Lord needs it."
- People: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "**Why are you untying the colt?**" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.
- Leader: As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,
- People: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, **and glory in the highest heaven!**"
- Leader: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."
- People: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

* HYMN 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Please wave your palms during the singing of the refrain.

10:45: The hymn will be repeated until all have entered the Sanctuary. Children process with One Great Hour of Sharing banks, placing them in the baskets near the baptismal font.

*UNISON PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

DEDICATION of
CHILDREN'S ONE
GREAT HOUR of
SHARING OFFERINGS
(10:45)

Children depart to their classes for child care and Palm Sunday activities. You may exit through the doors to the left of the pulpit to get to the Education Building, where the children will gather in their classrooms.

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN
(10:45)

(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 *We ask that you sign the Friendship Pad and pass it
to the person next*
WELCOME *to you in the pew. Please greet those worshipping
with you at the close of the service.*

ANTHEM "Lift Up Your Heads" George Frederic Handel
(from *Messiah*)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall
come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord
strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. He
is the King of glory, the Lord of hosts.

- *Psalm 24:7-10*

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible, NT page 197)
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Seeds and Stones" John Wilkinson

HYMN 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE
(10:45)

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

from A 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 the 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 "Jesus, So Lowly" Harold Friedell
Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; Teach me that only Love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; Be this the token Love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; Teach me how glorious death is to be.

- text by Edith Williams

* 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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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 loving God, our shouts of praise are joined with all creation as we give thanks for your providence and glory. As we return a portion of what we have received for the work of ministry, so bless us in our giving, that not only with voice, but with heart and soul, may we praise and worship you. Amen.

* HYMN 209 "My Song Is Love Unknown" LOVE UNKNOWN

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL

RESPONSE

(8:30)

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.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

(10:45)

* GREETING

POSTLUDE

"March on a Theme of Handel" Felix Alexandre Guilmant
(based on "Lift Up Your Heads" from *Messiah*)

The flowers this morning are given In loving memory of Bill Crain, beloved husband of Carol, father of Will Crain, Betsy Cosgriff, Mary Ellen Knickerbocker and Narina Schulz. Grandfather of Liam and Schuyler Crain and Kelly, Riley and Carolyn Knickerbocker.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit with prayers for a meaningful Holy Week journey.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford, Corni Labrum
(10:45)

ACOLYTE: Greg Monrad and Henry Fox

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Peg Rachfal, Maryjane Link, Bob Swensen, Holly Powell, Clive Daunton

USHERS:

(8:30) Hank Theuer, Lea Theuer

(10:45) Bill Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Priscilla Boller, Phil Tschorke, Beth Tschorke, Jeff Sprague

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Deacons Parish L

March 20, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

"A Year of Sowing" Stewardship Update

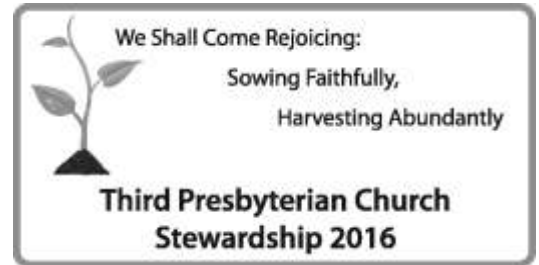
The Stewardship Committee offers thanks to all who financially support the mission and ministry of Third Presbyterian Church. 404 households have pledged a total of \$866,420 for 2016.

A special thanks to those who have responded to the Second Mile invitation. Thus far, \$27,885 in one-time contributions, \$8,330 in increased pledges, and 1 new pledge of \$300 have been received.

Please consider paying your per capita apportionment to the presbytery. Each Third Church member is assessed \$30 per year which goes toward supporting ministry at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Third Church pays this amount to the presbytery whether or not members contribute.

It's not too late to pledge! Please contact **Carol Foster** at 271-6537, ext. 111 or cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org with your pledge or mail your pledge card to the church office.

Bill Coons, Stewardship Chair



Spiritual Formation

Today at 9:30am

Sunday Seminar in Johnson Hall:

The Art of the Passion with Jim Moore

Jim will present an illustrated lecture about the extraordinary art which has been created during the past seven centuries portraying the events of Christ's last week on earth. Artists whose works are included range from Fra Angelico in the early 14th century to those of Caravaggio and Rubens in the 16th century to those of Paul Gauguin and Pablo Picasso in the 20th century.

Growing in the Word in Parlor: *Entrance into Jerusalem, Luke 19:28-40; 23:1-49*

No meeting on Easter, March 27

Living Waters Wednesdays



This special Living Waters Wednesday for Holy Week will feature a newly composed Passion story as recounted in the Gospel of John. Third Church Bass Soloist *Cody Muller* and his collaborative artist *Zachary Peterson* commissioned this work, *Passion de Jean*. Join us for this extraordinary service, which will conclude by 6:45pm.

Lenten Voices (Thursdays)

Maundy Thursday

March 24, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

led by Lynette Sparks

Monday Yoga

March 21 at 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Gen Silent—The LGBT Aging Film

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for Third Church

Third Church More Light and Sage Rochester (an LGBT Community Group for older adults) 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* and a community panel discussion. All are invited to share in the fellowship. Please RSVP to the church office at 271-6513 by Friday, March 25 if you plan to attend.

Men's Reconnection

Saturday, April 2

We'll meet at the Twelve Corners Panera Bread location in Brighton at 9:45am for tea/coffee/hot chocolate and a time of fellowship before proceeding to the 10:30 service at Temple B'rith Kodesh. This weekend is the scheduled Third Church pulpit exchange with B'rith Kodesh - just in case you are wondering why we are worshipping at an alternate site!

Exchange Weekend with Temple B'rith Kodesh

April 2 and 3

SATURDAY, April 2 at Temple B'rith Kodesh

9:15am Adult Study: John Wilkinson leads a discussion of a selected Torah portion with a focus on how Presbyterians read the Bible.

10:30am Worship Service: John Wilkinson will speak. Following the service, Rabbi Stein will offer a brief presentation on the architecture of the sanctuary and the meaning of the Torah scrolls.

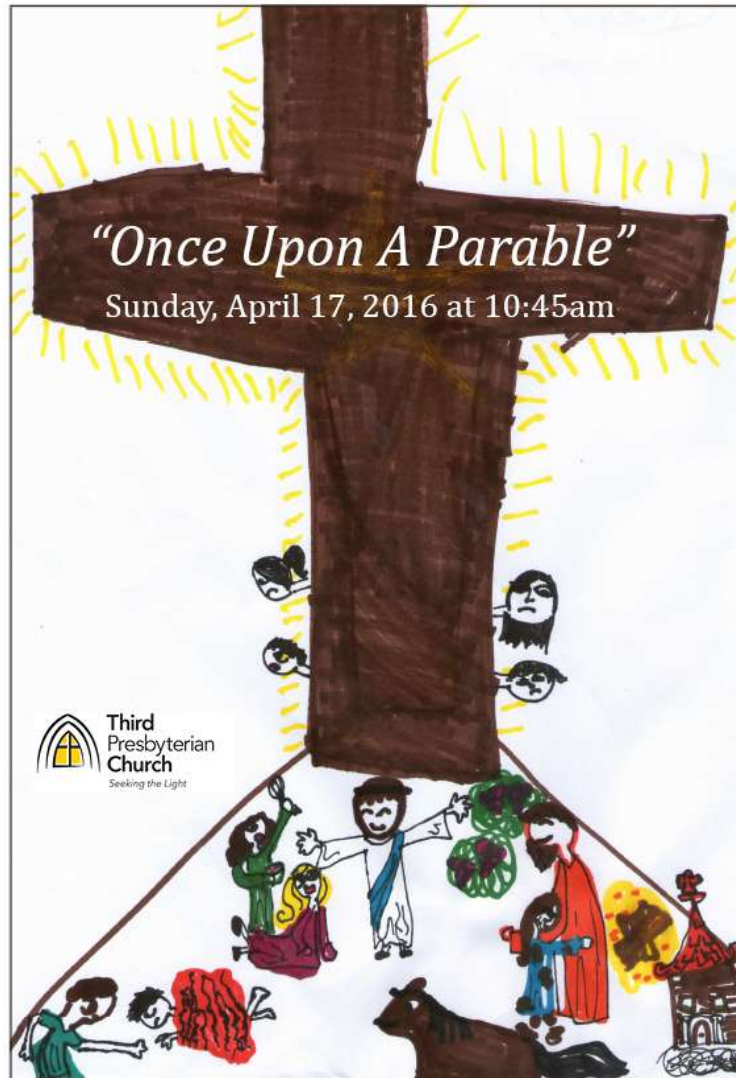
SUNDAY, APRIL 3 at Third Church

9:30 a.m. Rabbi Peter Stein will lead our Sunday Seminar

10:45 a.m. Worship, Rabbi Stein will speak

Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale for the **Choir of Royal Holloway concert on April 8 at 7:30pm in our Sanctuary**. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this world-renowned English choir in live performance! See the current issue of the Messenger for full details. Tickets may be purchased ONLINE at www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets; in the Church Office during the week; or at coffee hour following worship today and April 3. Cost is \$15 general admission; \$5 for students with valid ID; children 12 and under, free. 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.



Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St., Rochester, NY

A musical presented by the Junior Choir and Glorious Voices

www.thirdpresbyterian.org

Music and Lyrics by by Allen Pote and Tom Long

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 today.

Holy Week and Easter at Third Church

Palm Sunday, March 20

Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am

All are invited to meet in the Chapel at 10:30am to join the palm processional.

Tuesday, March 22, 9:15am

Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 23, 6:00pm

Living Waters Wednesdays in the Chapel

This service will include a newly composed telling of the Passion story as recounted in the Gospel of John. Third Church Bass Soloist *Cody Muller* and his collaborative artist *Zachary Peterson* commissioned this work, *Passion de Jean*, by Patrick Dunnevant, for their recent graduate degree recital at the Eastman School of Music. It is a profound work, sung in French (with a printed translation), and will offer another expressive way during Holy Week to experience the drama of the Passion. Join us for this service, which will conclude by 6:45pm. John Wilkinson will lead the liturgy.

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Lenten Voices, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Service of Communion and Tenebrae, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 25

Worship in the Chapel, 12:15pm

Good Friday Cross Walk, 8:45 – 11am

This community ecumenical event begins with a short prayer service at **St. Monica's Church at 831 Genesee Street, Rochester, NY**, followed by a 1 ½ mile pilgrimage through city neighborhoods, **stopping along the way to pray on "the seven last words of Christ."**

Easter Sunday, March 27

Sunrise Service at CRCDS at 6:30am

Festival Worship Services, 9:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary

Calendar for March 20 - March 27

Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30am	Worship	Chapel
9:30am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off-site
4:30pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Room
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Sanctuary
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/CE Building

Monday, March 21

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, March 22

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
4:00pm	DRM Anniversary Planning	CC

Wednesday, March 23

5:30pm	Junior Choir	Moot Room
6:00pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	
6:45pm	Chancel Choir Warm-Ups	Choir Room
6:30pm	Reader Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30pm	Service of Communion and Tenebrae	Sanctuary

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

12:15pm	Good Friday Worship	Sanctuary
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Saturday, March 26

10:00am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, March 27

Easter

8:00am	Chancel Choir Warm-Up	Choir Room
8:00am	Junior Choir Warm-Up	Moot Room
8:30am	Childcare	Nursery
9:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00am	Chancel Choir Brunch	CC
10:15am	Carol Choir warm up	Moot Room
11:00am	Worship	Sanctuary