



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

"Leprosy in the Bible becomes a metaphor for all kinds of diseases and malfunctions...

A lot of lepers are still in the night. But they wait for the morning when comes healing.

This faith – the faith of Elisha and Jesus and the church – is not a moral code or an ideology or a quarrel. It is rather a performance of transformation, of old made new, of lost found, of dead made alive.

And the whole cosmos is filled with the singing of ex-lepers, the saints of God who attest that gifts from the holy God are given that make for life."

Walter Brueggemann

The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 3, 2016

10:00am

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 silence all electronic devices. 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 American Hymntune Gordon
Young

*** 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

(Psalm 30)

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

PEOPLE: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me. O Lord, be my helper.

LEADER: You have turned mourning into dancing, and clothed me with joy,

PEOPLE: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

* HYMN 331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER
of CONFESSION
(unison)

O God of people and nations, we are ignorant and arrogant about our own prosperity and might. When we forget how much we have, remind us of our abundance. When we take pride in our status and think ourselves better than others, grant us humility. When we use wealth and power to get our own way at the expense of others, correct us. Heal us, we pray, that we may be a force for wholeness. With all that we have, we pray for your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 kindergarten and younger. (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

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 6:7–16

(Pew Bible, NT page 191)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SOLO “Zion’s Walls”

Aaron

Copland

mezzo-soprano

Riki Connaughton,

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON 2 Kings 5:1–14
page 336)

(Pew Bible, OT

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Who Has the Power?”

Lynette

Sparks

* HYMN 346 “For the Healing of the Nations”

ST. THOMAS (WADE)

* AFFIRMATION

A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

of FAITH 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. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE *(Prayer request cards are available in pew pockets and can be placed in the offering plate.)*
and **THE LORD’S**

PRAYER 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

(In addition to our regular offering, we will receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which has deployed the National Response Team to support those affected by flooding in West Virginia.

SOLO

Please give generously as you are able. Special envelopes are in "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Jay Althouse pockets.)

* 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: **We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you heal us and make us whole. Bless the work of your people, and let these gifts be signs of your creative**

hand in places where there is need. We pray in
Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN 340 "This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
God be with you 'til we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "America: A Fugue"

Eugene Thayer

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Cindy Capps, Maryjane Link
USHERS: Griff Vinton, Bob Merz, Betsy Vinton, Rob White, Jobin Philip,
Beth Sieber, Roxanne Boyer, Jim Boyer

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Joyce Mitchell Melissinos by her sister
Margaret Mitchell Hastings and brother-in-law Robert A. Hastings, and in honor of
Joyce's husband Adrian C. Melissinos*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in solidarity with those facing flooding in West
Virginia.*

July 3, 2016

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

Lunch and Learn on South Sudan

Sunday, July 10, 11:15am

Johnston Hall

Make your reservation now for a lunch and learn with Benjamin Sprunger, missionary to South Sudan. Benjamin will share the history of the region, his mission in South Sudan, the country's challenges, and the hopes and dreams of its people. A light lunch will be served with a suggested donation of \$5.00. Please RSVP to the church office at 271-6513.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 11–Thursday, July 14, 5:30–7:30pm

New Life Presbyterian Church, 243 Rosedale Street

Please 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. For those wishing to serve in the VBS 2016 ministry, there's a role for YOU!

Invite your friends to join us, too! All ages are invited to VBS 2016! For more information, contact Ann McMican at mcmould@rochester.rr.com or 533-1222.

More Light Pride Week Activities

Pride Week Movie: July 12 at 6:00pm

A screening of the movie “Milk” at 6:00pm in Johnston Hall followed by a Q and A with LGBTQ friends who work in the local political scene. Come enjoy the film and fellowship!

Pride Parade: July 16 at 1:00pm

All are welcome to take part in the 2016 Rochester Pride Parade by joining the walking group or cheering us on down Park Avenue. We will gather at the church at 12:15pm and walk to our staging spot on Alexander. The Third Church team is planning to wear Grocery Run t-shirts, which come in all the colors of the rainbow.

Interfaith Community Study in Response to Orlando

Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Temple B'rith Kodesh

Third Church will join with other faith communities to study and reflect together where we will consider causes and re-commit ourselves to the quest for peace. All are welcome.

Third Church Gun Violence Response Team

The Third Church Gun Violence Response team is re-grouping and making plans for education and advocacy. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Lynette Sparks, LSparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or David Tennant, dtennant@nixonpeabody.com.

Camp Cory is August 22 – 25

Camp Cory is the annual choir camp for children in (or planning to join) Junior Choir who are entering 4th–7th grade. We also invite any youth entering 8th grade and older who are interested in being counselors and counselors in training for our camp. Registration packets were distributed to the Junior Choir and are available on the website (resources tab of children's page). The cost will be \$155 per

participant. Partial scholarships are available – please contact Mary Ann, Becky, or Jane for an application. All registration forms will be due by Friday, July 22.

Food Cupboard Needs

The Food Cupboard is in need of 2–person teams of Sunday Stockers. These folks come in (usually Sunday after church) or any time between Thursday afternoon and Sunday evening, and re-stock the shelves so that they are full on Monday morning. This task takes about 40 minutes, and involves some lifting of cases of food. Families and kids are welcome. Please call Carol Coons 227–5953 or Kay Ramsay at 544–9022.

News from the Third Church Library

The library is looking for donations to replace a few books from our collection that are either missing or damaged. If you would like to donate one of these books to the library, check out our new wish list on Amazon.com where you may purchase a book and have it sent to the library.

From the Amazon home page, go to the “Lists” drop down menu. Click “Find a List or Registry” then search for “Third Church Library”. In the coming months we will add more books to the wish list that would be welcome additions to our collection.

Third Church Sermons

Sermons preached at Third Church, including John Wilkinson's sermon from June 19 responding to the Orlando shootings, are available in several ways.

1. In printed form in the literature racks in the sanctuary and chapel narthexes and outside the main office.
2. Posted on the Third Church website (along with audio recordings).
3. On the Third Church Facebook page.

Calendar for July 3–July 10

Sunday at Third Church

9:00am	Practices of Faith	JH
9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Childcare	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Coffee Hour	Cloister

Monday, July 4

Church Office is closed in observance of
Independence Day

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00pm	Summer of the Century	JH

Tuesday, July 5

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room

Saturday, July 9

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Thursday, July 7

Sunday, July 10

9:00am	Practices of Faith	JH	11:00pm	Coffee Hour	Cloister
9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel	11:15am	Lunch and Learn	JH
9:45am	Child Care	Nursery	5:00pm	Vacation Bible School	Off-Site
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary			

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