



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Christian ethics should emphasize the power of imagination more than a compendium of moral rules. Often our moral failures are more a failure of imagination than a deficit of good intention and goodwill.

John C. Shelley

The Worship of God
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 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 **"Allein Gott in der Höh", BWV662** J. S. Bach
("All Glory Be to God on High")

* 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 Based on Hebrews 12:1-2

LEADER: Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,

PEOPLE: let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

LEADER: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

PEOPLE: We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

* HYMN 49 **"The God of Abraham Praise"** LEONI

PRAYER
of CONFESSION
(unison)

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care, our doubt of your providence, our blindness to signs of your love. We separate ourselves from you and from others. We foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives, and make us your faithful people, 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)
I. II. 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.*

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (Pew Bible, OT page 540)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SOLO "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Samuel Liddle
Paige Kiefner, soprano

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 (Pew Bible, NT page 226)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What More Should I Say?" Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

DUNLAP'S CREEK

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH 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
(Prayer request cards are available in the pew pockets and may be placed in the offering plate.)

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

SOLO "Mein Gläubiges Herze" J. S. Bach

("My Heart Ever Faithful")

(translation) My faithful heart, rejoice, sing, make merry, your Jesus is near! Away misery, away complaining, to you will I say only my Jesus is here.

* 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: God of the ages, your provision and loving kindness span the generations. We faithfully

add our gifts to those who have gone before us. Bless these gifts, that through them, your love may spread to all the world. Amen.

* HYMN 829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

* 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 "Fugue in G minor" J. S. Bach

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks

LITURGIST: Ernest Krug

Director of Music/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

GREETERS: Jean Whitney, Jack Salzer, Bob Eames, Camille Clayton

USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers, Rebecca Schichler, Don Schichler, Jeremy Peters

The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Jim Chisholm, Robert and June Wright, Linda W. Streeter, and Doris and James Chisholm, family of Jan Chisholm.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in gratitude for gifts of refreshment and rejuvenation.

August 14, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Summer of the Century

Thursday, August 18, 12:00noon, Johnston Hall
This mid-week discussion group will be led by Jim Stewart, Paul Gongloff, and Mary Cowden.

Discussions on recent articles drawn from The Christian Century. Bring your lunch and your experience as the group takes on various articles.

This week the group will review:

"The Logic of God—Why Metaphysical Proofs Still Matter" written by Matthew Levering

Practices of Faith

August 21: *Labyrinth*

Led by Candice Dustman Lucas

Take this opportunity to engage in an "active" prayer practice. We will use the Presbytery of Genesee Valley's portable Chartres Labyrinth.

Candice will shepherd participants through the practice of labyrinth walking.

Camp Cory Counselor Training

Counselors, please note that the orientation meeting will be at Noon in the Youth Lounge on Sunday, August 21.

Free Concert

Wednesday, August 24th at 12:15pm

Flutist Christopher James and pianist Aaron James will perform a noon-hour concert in the chapel at Third Presbyterian Church. Aaron is an organist, pianist and musicologist based in the Rochester area, where he teaches music history at the University of Rochester and is director of music at St. Mary's Church in Auburn; Chris is a busy orchestral flutist and chamber musician who plays principal flute in the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and second flute in the Memphis Symphony and Missouri Symphony. This summer, the two brothers will come together from their separate careers for a series of concerts in upstate New York, with stops in Buffalo, Rochester, and Auburn. On August 24th, they will perform a program of old and new favorites for flute and piano, including works by Sancan, Muczynski, and Karg-Elert.

RAIHN@Third

RAIHN@Third's online volunteer signup is live for our 46th rotation starting August 28th at

www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn, or contact Lou Loggi at Louis.Loggi@gmail.com (781-4237) or Laurie Mahoney at LMahone1@rochester.rr.com (747-5852)

You and your family can sign up now for important dinner, hot breakfast, and overnight hosting spots as well as Day Center and set-up, take-down and laundry positions.

Fantastic news: we welcome our newest support partner Temple B'rith Kodesh (TBK) to our team, where they will be "an extra pair of hands" to support our joint anti-homelessness mission. Their enthusiasm is inspiring!

A project to Help Rochester's Homeless Population

Third Church is participating in Project Homeless Connect, a one-day event which will be held at Blue Cross Arena on September 15, 2016. The event connects persons who are homeless with **critical services in a "one-stop" venue. It will bring** together a wide range of community agencies and professionals to provide people with access to health care, social services, legal advice, food, medical care and much more—all within a caring and safe environment. You can help by collecting and contributing new and gently used winter wear - primarily coats. A box is available (in the Narthax) until the first week in September. Please look through your closets and tell your friends. For more information about Project Homeless Connect, visit HomelessConnectRochester.org.

Heritage Members Lunch

Sunday, September 28 at 12:15pm

Hosted by the Third Church Deacons, the Heritage Members Lunch celebrates the rich heritage found in the lives of its members. All members who have attained 75 or more years of life experience and their companions are warmly welcome to attend. Please let us know that you plan to be present by calling the church office.

Food Cupboard

Food Cupboard needs your donations of cereal, peanut butter, and 15oz canned fruits.

Third Church Sermons

Sermons preached at Third Church 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 August 14 – August 21

Sunday at Third Church

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

Monday, August 15

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
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Tuesday, August 16

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00pm	Deacons	Off-site
7:00pm	Children's Ministry	Off-site

Wednesday, August 17

3:00pm	GS4A Steering Committee	JH
4:30pm	Membership & Evangelism	Off-site
5:30pm	Stewardship Committee	JH

Thursday, August 18

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00pm	Summer of the Century	JH
5:30pm	Joint Budget and Finance	JH

Saturday, August 20

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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12:00pm	Camp Cory Counselor Orientation	Youth Lounge