



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

“We are all one - or at least we should be - and it is our job, our duty, and our great challenge to fight the voices of division and seek the salve of reconciliation.”

Marcus J. Borg

The God We Never Knew

The Worship of God Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

10:00am

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

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.

Church School: is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to age three.

Pastoral Care needs and prayer concerns may be communicated to Martha Langford.

More about Membership: If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks. The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place October 2.

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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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 "Fanfare" Percy Whitlock

INTROIT "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

- Psalm 34:8

* DOXOLOGY *(Please stand as the organ introduction begins)* OLD HUNDRETH

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 Based on Psalm 46

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PEOPLE: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

LEADER: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

PEOPLE: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

LEADER: The Lord of hosts is with us;

PEOPLE: **the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

* HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

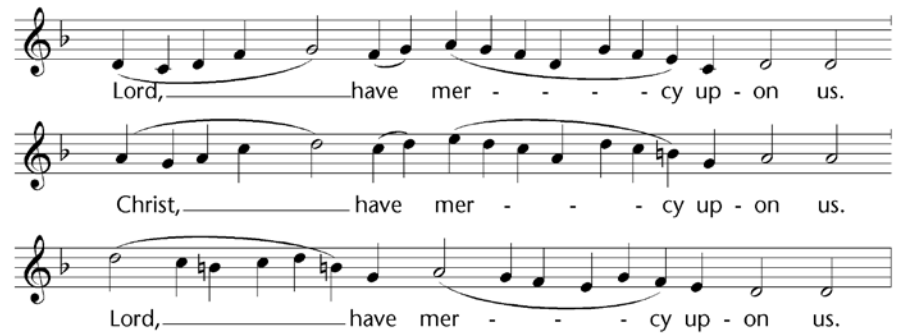
PRAYER
of CONFESSION

(unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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:

PEOPLE:

Friends, believe the good news.

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 6th 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)



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.

EPISTLE LESSON

LEADER:

PEOPLE:

Timothy 1:12-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, NT page 208)

ANTHEM "Psalm 46"

John Weaver
Trevor Cook, *baritone*

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth. It is he who makes wars to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT page 78)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Horses on Parade: XVI"

John Wilkinson

MUSICAL REFLECTION "A Song Without Words"

Craig Phillips
Benjamin Krug, cello

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

From the Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Amen.

PRAYERS of the
PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayer request cards are available in the pew pockets and may 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.

OFFERTORY

After the ushers have passed your pew all are invited to come forward to the chancel steps to light a candle as a symbol of reconciliation and hope.

ANTHEM

"O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

- Psalm 122:6-7

* 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: **Creator God, receive these gifts made in faith and hope. Transform our witness that we may be strengthened to share your good news of love, peace and justice. We pray in the reconciling power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

CHARGE
and BENEDICTION
(seated)

CHORAL
RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter C. Lutkin

GREETING

POSTLUDE "Litanies"

Jehan Alain

"When the Christian soul, in its distress, no longer finds new words to beseech God's mercy, the Christian repeats without ceasing the same invocation with a vehement faith. Reason reaches its limit. Only faith continues to increase."

- Jehan Alain

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER:	John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS:	Donna Brink Fox, Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:	Peter DuBois
ASSISTANT ORGANIST:	Caroline Robinson
GREETERS:	Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Dick Moxley, Joan Moxley, Bernie Todd Smith
USHERS:	Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers, Rebecca Schichler, Don Schichler, Jeremy Peters

The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Howard A. and Ruth S. Schumacher and Robert D. and Adrienne S. Truesdell, parents of Jon and Kathy Schumacher

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today at the beginning of the school year for students, teachers, administrators and families with prayers for a great school year.

Notes about today's music:

The prelude, "Fanfare," by British composer Percy Whitlock, is a piece dating from 1932, which is rich in rhythmic vitality, and harmonic shifts. Whitlock was a student of C. V. Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The music for reflection, "A Song Without Words," was written by Craig Phillips, an alum of the Eastman School of Music, and now Director of Music and Organist at All Saints' Church (Episcopal) in Beverly Hills, California. It was written as an elegy for his brother, and expresses what William Wordsworth called "thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears." This morning it speaks to us as we reflect on the fifteenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001.

Jehan Alain, composer of today's postlude, "Litanies," was a casualty of World War II, killed in action at the age of 29. It was written in 1937, originally contrasting some comic elements with a tragic undercurrent that eventually prevails. The insistent, even obsessive, rhythm of the theme calls to mind the repetition of a fervent prayer. Several weeks after its composition, the composer's older sister died in a climbing accident, after which he added the inscription printed in the bulletin.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rally Day!

Today on the East Avenue lawn following worship at 10am

Be sure to join us for the traditional celebration including a hot dog lunch provided by the Congregational Fellowship Committee and the music of the Meigs Street Ramblers.

Junior Choir and Children's Bell Choir

Junior Choir rehearsals began this morning. Our first Wednesday rehearsal is September 14 at 5:30pm. All children in grades 3 to 6 are invited and encouraged to sing! Children's Bell Choir (5th and 6th graders only) will begin in October on Wednesdays at 5:00pm and follows the Qabats schedule.

Third Church Handbell Choirs

- **The Celebration Ringers**, (beginning to intermediate ringing) meet on Thursday mornings from 10:45-11:45am beginning **September 15**.
- **Third Church Ringers** (intermediate to advanced) rehearse Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45pm beginning **September 15**. Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski at 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Evening Prayer Service

A service of Evening Prayer, led by participants of this year's choir camp at Camp Cory, will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Winton & Highland) at 4:00pm on Sunday, September 18th. All are welcome.

Help For Baton Rouge

Contact Rod Taylor (rtaylor@rochester.rr.com) or Nancy Watson (442-0145, nancy_watson@urmc.rochester.edu) for more information.

East Avenue Grocery Run

Mark your calendars for November 5! Visit our table at the Rally Day Celebration for volunteer and funding opportunities.

New Communion Schedule

Beginning next Sunday, September 18, we will introduce a new Sunday communion schedule.

- Communion will be celebrated EVERY Sunday in the 8:30 a.m. service.
- Communion will be celebrated on the FIRST SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH in the 10:45 a.m. service (currently it is celebrated on alternating months).

We are hopeful that this new development will enhance our worship and strengthen our spiritual life, as we gather at the Lord's Table more often to share bread and cup together.

Ministry and Mental Health Workshop

Saturday, September 24 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Third Presbyterian Church, organized by Urban Presbyterians Together. There is a \$5.00 registration fee, which includes a light lunch. Registration forms are available from the church office and should be returned by September 15.

Church Ladies: Stone Salad Dinner

Join us Friday, September 23 at 5:30pm for conversation and fun remembering our own school days. Please bring staple, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Ziploc bags or pencils to donate to our tutoring partners. Bring a school photo of yourself.

Calendar for September 11 – September 18

Sunday at Third Church

9:00am	Practices of Faith	JH
9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Childcare	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15am	Church School	Nursery
11:00am	Rally Day Celebration	

Monday, August 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:00pm	CSA Food Program Task Force	JH
7:00pm	Session	JH

Wednesday, September 14

3:00pm	GS4A Steering Committee	JH
5:30pm	Jr. Choir	Moot Room
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sr. Choir Room

Thursday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 17

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
8:00am	Stewardship Workshop	JH

Sunday, September 18

8:30am	Child Care	Nursery
8:30am	Worship	Chapel
9:30am	Growing in the World	Parlor
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
10:00am	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	Nursery
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
4:00pm	Camp Cory Evening Prayer	Off-site

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