



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“The Christian religion asks us to put our trust not in ideas, and certainly not in ideologies, but in a God Who was vulnerable enough to become human and die, and Who desires to be present to us in our ordinary circumstances.”

Kathleen Norris

**The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 21, 2017

10:45am

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 also 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 in the pew racks.

Church School: is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service. The sixth grade class will be in worship today.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

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 (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available in the Chapel and Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and the Arnold Park entrance, and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (ext 100 or cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or).

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, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE “Introduction and Fugue in A minor/major” James Nares

INTROIT “Come into God’s Presence” Text and Music anon.
Junior Choir

Come into God’s presence singing “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.”
Praise the Lord together singing “Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God.”

*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 66

LEADER: Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God’s praise be heard,

PEOPLE: **who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made.

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*HYMN 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER of ADORATION

**Almighty God, we thank you that we are called to abide in
the risen Christ. Give us grace to love one another, to
follow in Christ’s ways, and to share his life, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

*RESPONSE

Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to
this and ev - ery age, Till earth and sky and o - cean
ring With joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian Wren, 1968 Used by permission
Tune: TRURO

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Following the children's message, children are invited to proceed to the education building for Sunday school. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children to age three. The sixth grade class will be in worship today.)

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE RECOGNITION

Martha C. Langford and
Becky D'Angelo-Veitch

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBER

PRESENTATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

WELCOME

God calls us to be a servant people and gathers us into the body of Christ. We rejoice that God has added you to our number this day and we recognize you as a sister in faith. We renew our covenant to live and work together in the spirit of Christ and so to love and support one another that we may give honor and glory to God. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to the care and ministry of this congregation.

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.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Acts 17:22-31

(Pew Bible, NT page 137)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Praise God with Heart and Voice"

Cary Ratcliff

Praise God with heart and voice, come before him with thanksgiving. In him let us rejoice, to him grateful spirits bring; His hand by faith is seen guiding all our days, Praise God, his goodness sing. Earth shouts the praise of God; heavens hum God's hidden wisdom. Life sings his eye's detail, Distant oceans sound his power; Stars storm the void with voice: speak creation's rhymes; Time dances the plans of God. Praise him whose universe bursts bright with quiet meaning, Whose wounded world he gives light for its redeeming; Whose Word has come to us, spoken in our flesh; Whose mercies our lives refresh. Hurl high our joy in him, sing deep our fresh-found gladness. Wing words of grateful span, tell his loving kindness. Thanksgiving we shall bring, hymns of beauty raise, Praise God through all our days; Hurl high our fresh-found gladness. Sing deep our joy in him.

- text by Cary Ratcliff

GOSPEL LESSON — John 14:15-21

(Pew Bible, NT page 109)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “God’s Offspring”

John Wilkinson

***HYMN 54** “Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

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***AFFIRMATION of FAITH** from The Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**The church gathers to praise God, to hear God’s word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.
Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
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

BELL ANTHEM “It Is Well With My Soul”

Phillip P. Bliss
arr. Cathy Moglebust
Third Church Ringers
Juliana Lutzer, *violin*

*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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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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: **Great and loving God, your will for us in the risen Christ is the peace which the world cannot give. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 282 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN AMPNEY

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Prelude in E-flat, BWV 552a"

Johann Sebastian Bach

The chancel flowers this morning are given by Sylvia Pedrick, in loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Ashworth.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in honor of all those who care for others within and beyond the life of the Third Church congregation.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Martha C. Langford, Donna Brink Fox..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Trevor and Zach Guaronski..... Acolytes
Camille Clayton, Clive Daunton,
Alison Gray, Peg Rachfal, Jean Whitney Greeters
Bill Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Priscilla Boller,
Phil Tschorke, Beth Tschorke, Jeff Sprague Ushers

Welcome to Our New Member!



Meg Bishop

Congregational Life Recognition 2017

Adult Spiritual Formation

Mary Cowden, chair
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Wendy Shellman
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Fellowship Group

Convenors

Paul Bishop and Andrew
Elder: *Men's Breakfast*
Deb Bishop and Sarah
Wisbey: *Church Ladies*
Dot Wallace: *Calvin Guild*
Sue Locke: *Elvis to Elton*

Growing in the Word

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Sunday Seminar Leaders

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Paul Gongloff
George Gotcsik
Ernest Krug
Martha Langford
Lynette Sparks
Jim Stewart
John Wilkinson

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The *Introduction and Fugue in A minor/major* comes from an English composer of the mid-18th century who has faded somewhat into obscurity. James Nares worked at the Chapel Royal of the monarchy in England and produced a fair number of works for organ, voices, and harpsichord. The Introduction alternates slow, regal chords (later with dotted figurations as in the French *Ouverture* style) with imitative figures on a softer manual. The Fugue subject is more or less a descending A major scale and, as the piece's title suggests, the piece inhabits sunny A major. The piece's conclusion brings back the improvisatory style of the Introduction.

Today's first anthem, *Praise God with Heart and Voice*, was written – words and music – by local composer Cary Ratcliff (b. 1953). Cary has enjoyed a widely varied career in music, as composer (having studied with Joseph Schwantner and Samuel Adler at Eastman) of choral music, chamber music, orchestral music, and opera; as keyboard artist and collaborative musician with the RPO and in recordings with Mitzie Collins and Kathryn Lewek; and as conductor – recently retired from Bethany Presbyterian Church, and continuing as Artistic Director of *Madrigalia*.

The offertory bell anthem is an arrangement of the beloved hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul" (found in *Glory to God* as Hymn 840). It was arranged by Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958), an active handbell composer and conductor in Eagle Grove, Iowa. In her notes about the piece, she says, "This piece was commissioned in memory of 21 precious loved ones from Montoursville High School in Pennsylvania who were on board TWA Flight 800 [which exploded mid-air in July 1996]...In the beginning and ending, 21 "It Is Well's" are played, alternating between the bells and violin. In the beginning, the hymn tune is set in a minor key, as if to say, "it is not well with our souls," but moves to a soothing major key in the final verse, accompanied by a soaring instrumental descant."

The *Prelude in E-flat, BWV 552a* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) comes from one of the most significant collections of his organ works, the *Clavierübung III*. The collection is framed by this prelude, and a corresponding *Fugue in E-flat*. In between are numerous chorale preludes on Lutheran hymn tunes outlining the tenets of the faith. The Prelude offers a wonderful example of the cosmopolitan style of Bach's composition, synthesizing musical elements from French, Italian, and German music of the time.