



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Seeking the Light*

In the leaving  
in the letting go  
let there be this  
to hold onto  
at the last:

the enduring of love  
the persisting of hope  
the remembering of joy

the offering of gratitude  
the receiving of grace  
the blessing of peace.

Jan Richardson

**The Worship of God  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 28, 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.

**Children and Worship:** We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There are table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scripture readings for the day.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org)).

### 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.*

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PRELUDE      “Chant de Paix”      Jean Langlais  
(Song of Peace)

“Nimrod”      Edward Elgar  
(from *Enigma Variations*)

\*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      adapted from Psalm 68

LEADER: Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name;  
Pave the way for the Rider of Clouds and rejoice.

PEOPLE: **Defender of widows, father of orphans,  
God brings the lonely back to their homes  
and brings forth captives into freedom.**

LEADER: Sing to God, O nations of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Hear our God, whose voice rings out, the voice of strength.  
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;  
and whose power is in the skies.**

\*HYMN 264      “At the Name of Jesus”      KING’S WESTON

\*PRAYER of ADORATION

**Glory to you, O God: on Easter morn you won victory over  
death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal  
life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you  
overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O blessed Trinity, 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.

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Tune: TRURO

### 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. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children aged three and younger.)*

### 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.)*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Acts 1:6-14

(Pew Bible, NT page 118)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“O Clap Your Hands”

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: Sing ye praises with understanding. O clap your hands together all ye people.

-Psalm 47:1-7

## GOSPEL LESSON — John 17:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 111)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“One — Last Word”

Martha C. Langford

## \*HYMN 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

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## \*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

from The Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.**

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His**

human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. 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

ANTHEM

"Souls of the Righteous"

T. Tertius Noble

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, Nor hurt nor torment Cometh them a-nigh, O holy hope of immortality, Souls of the righteous in the hand of God. To eyes of those unwise, they seem to die, They are at peace, O fairest liberty. On earth as children chastened by Love's rod, as gold in furnace tried, so now on High they shine like stars, A golden galaxy, Souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

- Book of Wisdom 3:1-8

\*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: **Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.**

\*HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Pasticcio"

Jean Langlais

*The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of the Reverend Hugh D. Outterson by his wife Barbara Outterson.*

*The memorial prayer candle is lit, on this Memorial Day weekend, in memory of all who gave their lives in service to the country.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Martha C. Langford ..... Preacher  
John Wilkinson, Donna Brink Fox ..... Liturgists  
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist  
Cynthia Capps, Carol Roth,  
Miss Rickey Snowden, Tim Stout, Dot Wallace ..... Greeters  
Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gayle, Tom Gillett,  
Ann McMican, Gayle Stewart, Janet Stewart, David Tennant ..... Ushers

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Jean Langlais (1907 – 1991), composer of today's first prelude (*Chant de Paix*) and postlude (*Pasticcio*), was a leading French organist and composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and a successor to César Franck and Charles Tournemire as organist at the Basilica of Ste. Clotilde in Paris. He was one of a long line of blind French organist-composers who benefitted from the incredible instruction in organ offered at the School for the Young Blind in Paris. His music is characterized by its modal character, and harmonies growing out of the tradition established by his predecessors.

*Nimrod*, from the *Enigma Variations* for orchestra by Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934), is an especially popular section of that work. It has been transcribed for organ by William H. Harris, who was for many years organist at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. There, he taught piano to HRH Queen Elizabeth II when she was a child, along with Princess Anne. *Nimrod* builds slowly from a quiet opening to full organ. It is especially notable for the dramatic decrescendo from full organ to the very softest sounds of the instrument in a matter of about eight beats!

*O Clap Your Hands* is a setting of Psalm 47, appropriate for the upcoming celebration of Ascension Day. It is also one of the most enduring choral anthems written by popular composer John Rutter (b. 1945).

As we prepare to observe Memorial Day, appropriate and comforting words from the apocryphal Book of Wisdom are set in the offertory anthem, *Souls of the Righteous*. British-born composer T. Tertius Noble (1867 – 1953) served for a number of years as Organist and Choirmaster at York Minster before emigrating to the United States, where he took up the post of Organist and Choirmaster at St. Thomas Church in New York in 1913. While in New York, he also established the now-world-famous St. Thomas Choir School.

