



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“Only the (person) who follows the command of Jesus single-mindedly, and unresistingly lets his yoke rest upon them, finds their burden easy, and under its gentle pressure receives the power to persevere in the right way. The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard, for those who try to resist it. But for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy, and the burden is light.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Cost of Discipleship

**The Worship of God
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 9, 2017

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 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 age 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 Ernest Krug, ekrug@thirdpresbyterian.org.

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).

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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Jane S. Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator	ext 107
Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist	
Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 “Adagio in E Major” Frank Bridge

*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

LEADER: Let all the earth acclaim God. Sing to the glory of God’s name.

PEOPLE: **Come and see what God has done, let the sound of God’s praise be heard.**

LEADER: Blessed is God:

PEOPLE: **whose love and care have not been withdrawn from us.**

*HYMN 385 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. 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 age 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 preschool age children and younger.)

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.)

EPISTLE LESSON — Romans 7:15-25a

(Pew Bible, NT page 157)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

“Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth”
(from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn
Anders Namestnik, *tenor*

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(Pew Bible, NT page 11)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Take My Yoke”

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

KINGSFOLD

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

from *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.

**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

SOLO

"So Art Thou to Me"

K. Lee Scott
Anders Namestnik, *tenor*

*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

*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: **In thanksgiving for your goodness, O God, we offer you our gifts. May what we present, including our very lives, be received by you, and may we serve you with all hope. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

*HYMN 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

AR HYD Y NOS

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

RANDOLPH

**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 "Fanfare"

Richard Proulx

The flowers this morning 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 with prayers for traveling mercies for our youth as they journey to Montreat.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Becky D'Angelo-Veitch..... Liturgist
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Jean Whitney, Jo Anne Smith, Fred Smith Jack Salzer Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters,
Gloria Pleger, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers Ushers