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Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below, 'til the rain comes tumbling down

Pulling weeds and picking stones, we are made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own 'cause the time is close at hand
Grain for grain, sun and rain, find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain to the music of the land

Plant your rows straight and long, temper them with prayer and song
Mother Earth will make you strong if you give her love and care
Old crow watching hungrily, from his perch in yonder tree
In my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there

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David Mallett

The Garden Song

The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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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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 “Praeludium in D minor,” BuxWV 140 Dieterich Buxtehude

*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 from Psalm 119

LEADER: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

PEOPLE: **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

LEADER: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

PEOPLE: **Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.**

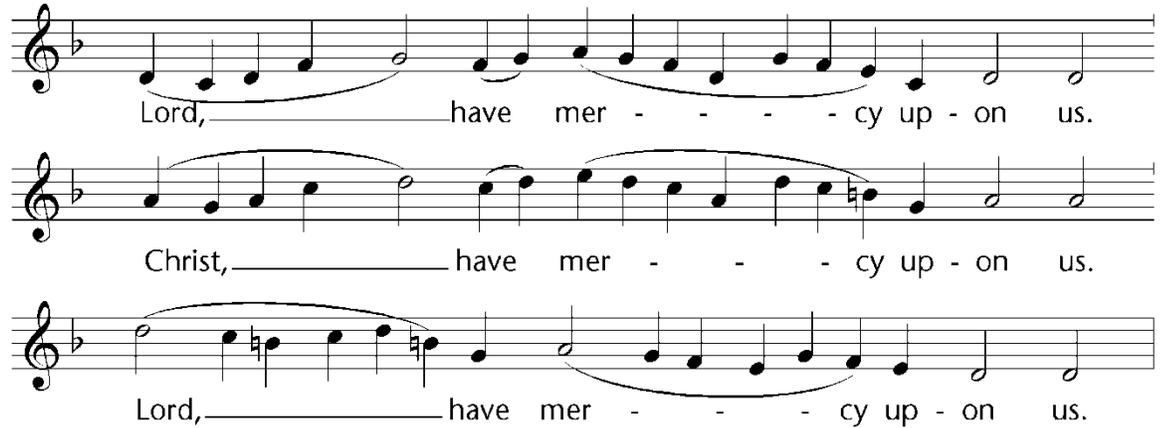
*HYMN 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against your children, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have belittled your love and betrayed your trust. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, forgive all that is past and lead us from sin to the promise of redemption and new life. 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

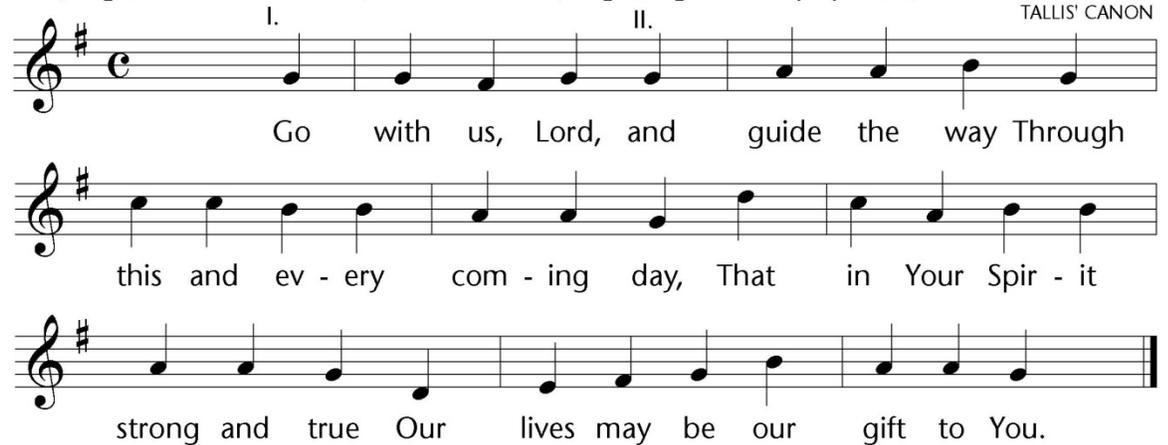
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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 infants and preschool age children.)

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 8:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 157)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "O Rest in the Lord"
(from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn
Andrea McGaugh, *alto*

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(Pew Bible, NT page 13)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Sowing Seeds"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 171 "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

SEACHRIST

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J. S. Bach
Andrea McGaugh, *alto*

*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: **Out of your providing love, O God, we make this offering brought from our daily living. Sanctify our giving, that with a cheerful spirit and an ungrudging heart we may be devoted to your service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

SICILIAN MARINERS

*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

“Hornpipe”
(from *Water Music Suite*)

G. F. Handel

The flowers this morning are given with fond memories of Annie Elizabeth Cronin Carter, whose life taught us how to love unconditionally. From grandchildren Ralph Campbell Carter Jr., Angela Marie Carter Sprunger, and Nancy Inez Carter Cooke.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit with thanksgiving and hope for Third Church’s More Light commitments and Rochester’s Pride Week.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE:

- John Wilkinson..... Preacher
- Ernest F. Krug Liturgist
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Camille Clayton, Ruth Rossi, Jean Whitney Greeters
- Bill Boller, Priscilla Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke, Jeff Sprague Ushers