



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Seeking the Light*

“Faith is what you do between the last time you experienced God and the next time you experience God.”

Renita J. Weems

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

August 6, 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](mailto: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](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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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.*

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PRELUDE      “Andante and Variations in D”      Felix Mendelssohn

\*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 17

LEADER: We call upon you, O God, for you will answer.

PEOPLE: **Incline your ear to us, and hear our words.**

LEADER: Wondrously show your steadfast love,

PEOPLE: **for you are Savior of those who seek refuge.**

\*HYMN 4      “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”      GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**God of compassion, we long to be made whole. We wrestle with worry instead of resting in you. We assert our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We turn away those hungry for your help instead of trusting your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold fast to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.)*



**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

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

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS**

SOLO

*from* Biblical Songs

Antonín Dvořák

4. God is My Shepherd

Anders Namestnik, tenor

5. I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

**\*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

## \*THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(At the time of communion, ushers will invite you to come forward via the center and side aisles. Take a piece of bread from the server, dip it in the cup which contains grape juice, and partake as you are served. Return to your seat via the side aisle. All bread is gluten free. If moving to the communion table is difficult for you, a team of servers will come to you to serve the communion elements.)*

### \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### \*GREAT 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.

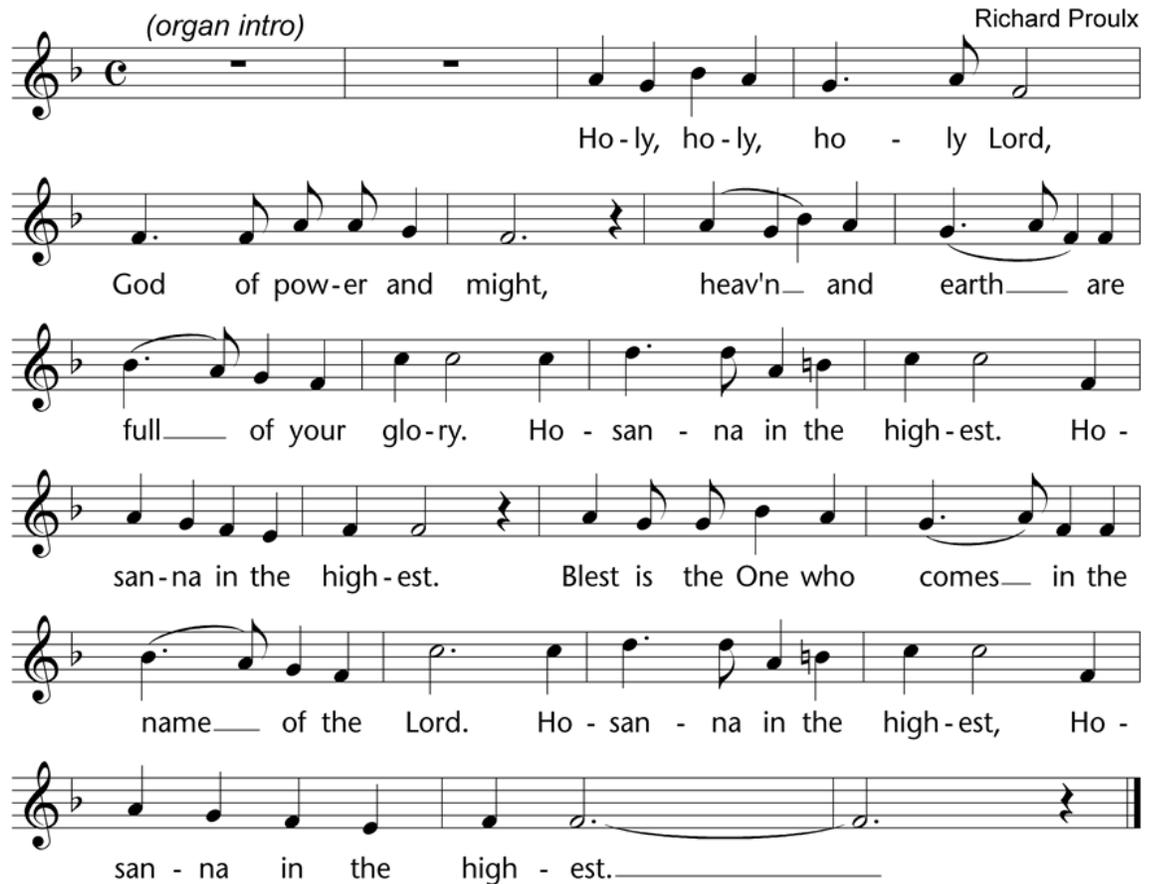
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LEADER: It is truly right to give you thanks and praise...

### \*SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

*(organ intro)*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Blest is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*As others are being served, please join in singing the following hymns:*

*525 – "Let Us Break Bread Together"*

*503 – "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**

ST. MARGARET

**\*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 "Prelude and Fugue in G minor," WoO 10**

Johannes Brahms

*The flowers this morning are given by Jack Mould and Ann McMican in loving memory of their son, Christopher Mould.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in solidarity with all who grieve and mourn.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

Lynette K. Sparks ..... Preacher  
John Wilkinson..... Liturgist  
Caroline J. Robinson ..... Assistant Organist  
Jack Salzer, Betsey Wheeler ..... Greeters  
Roxanne Boyer, Harrison Lucas, Bob Merz,  
Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton ..... Ushers