



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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“If you're down in the reeds, and you don't know what to do next, start by telling the truth about what you see.”

Anna Carter Florence

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

August 27, 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). The next Exploring Membership Luncheon will take place on October 15.

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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Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist	
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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.

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

"Roll Down, Justice"

Mark A. Miller

*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: **Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

*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 "Paean for Organ"

Herbert Howells

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Elizabeth Hansen, wife of Ronald Hansen.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in solidarity with students, teachers, administrators, staff and families at the start of a new school year.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
Ernest F. Krug Liturgist
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Camille Clayton, Betty Iwan, Carol Roth, Miss Rickey Snowden Greeters
Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
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