

“There is no room for hate in my heart or in this world.”

Caroline Cox

2018 Commissioning Class

via Instagram

March 14, 2018

**The Worship of God
Third Sunday of Easter**

April 15, 2018

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.

Church School is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants and toddlers.

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 (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org). The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place on Sunday May 6, at 12:00pm.

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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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 **“Three Hymn Preludes”** Craig Phillips
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
Lift High the Cross

INTROIT **“Come, All Children, Join to Sing”** Kenneth Lowenberg
Junior Choir
Come, all children, join to sing: let the church with praises ring.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.
Thank you, God, for ev’rything. Gratefully, our love we sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

***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: God is with us from day to day—

PEOPLE: **supporting us, nurturing us, protecting us.**

LEADER: God is inside of us—

PEOPLE: **accompanying us on our journey.**

LEADER: God is everywhere—

PEOPLE: **in our learning, in our relationships, in all of creation.**

LEADER: God does not discriminate;

PEOPLE: **God is love and hope for everyone.**

***HYMN 254** **“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*PRAYER of ADORATION

Loving God, we praise you for knowing and guiding, for helping and encouraging, for trusting and accepting. Thank you for our church family and for opportunities to spread your love and kindness throughout the world, making the world a better place to live. Be with us now and in every step of our faith journey. 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.

Text: Brian Wren, 1968 Used by permission
Tune: TRURO

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Kate Mary Dolohanty

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER: Through baptism, Kate has now been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

PEOPLE: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the peace and unity of the church of Jesus Christ. Our vow is to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ. May God's abundant blessings be always with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the baptism and children's message, children are invited to proceed to the education building for Sunday School. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children age 3 and younger.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE AND DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

KINGDOM

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, Bap - tized
2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea - sure, God's you
with the Spir - it's sign, With this wa - ter God has
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980
Tune: V. Earle Copes, 1959

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Deuteronomy 29:10-15

Pew Bible, OT page 184

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"

Peter Aston

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing, O sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. Declare his glory among the heathen, declare his wonders among all the people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
O sing unto the Lord a new song...

- Psalm 96:1-4

GOSPEL LESSON — Luke 24:36b-48

Pew Bible, NT page 91

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Can I Get a Witness?"

John Wilkinson

*LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

based on the *Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

LEADER: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. (*Scots Confession, 1560*)

PEOPLE: **Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong – body and soul – not to ourselves, but to our faithful savior Jesus Christ.** (*The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562*)

LEADER: Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. (*The Confession of 1967*)

PEOPLE: **The church is the assembly of the faithful, a communion of all saints, citizens of the one commonwealth, the one city, in the fellowship of all good things.** (*Second Helvetic Confession, 1561*)

LEADER: As the saints of God, we are united to one another in love and have communion in each other's gifts and graces. (*Westminster Confession of Faith, 1647*)

PEOPLE: **Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.** (*Confession of Belhar, 1986*)

LEADER: The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work. (*Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934*)

PEOPLE: **In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing.** (*Brief Statement of Faith, 1988*)

LEADER: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. (*The Confession of 1967*)

ALL: **May we, the church of Jesus Christ, be joyful in our worship, be generous in our giving, be abundant in our caring, be courageous in our proclamation, for the sake of the world God loves so much and for the sake of the church entrusted to our care. Amen.**

THE RECEPTION of COMMISSIONED MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

God calls us to be a servant people and gathers us into the body of Christ. We rejoice that God has added you to our number this day and we recognize you as brothers and sisters in faith. We renew our covenant to live and work together in the spirit of Christ and so to love and support one another that we may give honor and glory to God. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to the care and ministry of this congregation.

HYMN 691 **"Lord, When I Came into This Life"**
Congregation remains seated

LAND OF REST

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

"Thy Perfect Love"

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee of all things best, And wounde my heart in thy love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

- 15th century text

*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: **Merciful God, you have called us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you. Amen.**

*HYMN 157 "I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Fanfare"

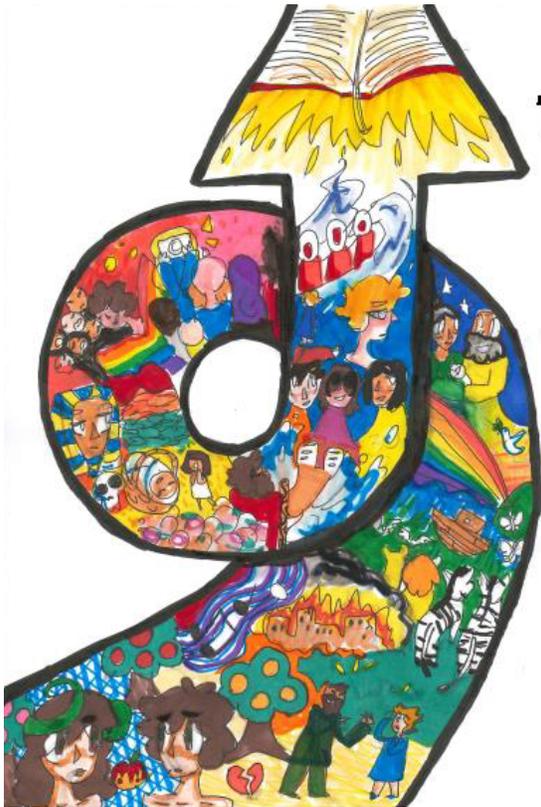
Richard Proulx

The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Limes Watson and Charles Flagler Watson, from their family.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in gratitude for members of our Commissioning Class and all those who support and nurture them.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Members of the 2018 Commissioning Class,
Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Camille Clayton, Kirsten Elting,
Jeff Morrison, Peg Rachfal, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison Greeters
Bill Boller, Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke Ushers
Youth and Membership and Evangelism Coffee Hour Hosts



The Old Testament Fast Forward

Presented by the Junior Choir and Glorious Voices

Sunday April 22, 2018 at the 10:45am Worship Service

Join us for a lively retelling of Old Testament stories through word and song.

See what happens when our storytellers attempt to get through the entire Old Testament in ***ten minutes!***

You won't want to miss the fun!



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In Our Prayers

For Stephanie Post on the death of her brother-in-law.

Commissioning Class Members and their Faith Partners

Daniel Bishop	Ann McMican
Caroline Cox	Peg Rachfal
Timothy Hutkowski	Tom Gillett
Zachary Hutkowski	Gregg Hamberger
Harrison Lutzer	Ralph Carter
Alexa Monrad	Sarah Boyce
Hannah Rich	Tina Curren

Commissioning Class took a slightly different path this year. In keeping with Third Church's celebration of 190 years of ministry, we explored our faith through the lens of Third Presbyterian Church history. We spent time in the church archives looking through old worship bulletins, Messengers, photos, and many newspaper articles, sermons, and maps. The Litany for the Church was selected as an acknowledgment of our journey. Other portions of this morning's liturgy were written by the class.

Holy Week and Easter Recordings

Full recordings of each of the Holy Week services are available for listening on the Third Church website, thirdpresbyterian.org. Click on "Worship Recordings" in the "Worship" drop down menu.

Included are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services. Also available are recordings of sermons only from Maundy Thursday and Easter.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, April 15, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Addressing Hunger in Greater Rochester," led by Mitch Gruber, Chief Programs Officer at Foodlink.

Next Sunday April 22: "Renewable Energy: Incubators at RIT," led by Bill Jones and Brad Sparks.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, April 15 at 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Call of Moses, Exodus 3:1-4:17," led by Dianna Daunton.

Next Sunday April 22: "The First Plague, Exodus 7:1-24," led by Paul Gongloff.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, April 16 at 6:30pm, Johnston Hall.

Join us for this free class!

Thursday Voices

Thursday, April 19, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"Dying Well," led by Ernest Krug.

Spring Toddler Music Class – Starts Tomorrow!

Mondays, April 16 – May 21, 10:30am – 11:00am, CE 204

This six week class is for children 14 months – 3 years, with their caretakers.

Songs, movement, stories from scripture and rhythm instruments will all be a part of the experience each week!

If you'd like to join us, please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski at 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Friends of Historic Calvary St. Andrew's Happy Hour

Wednesday April 18, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Swiftwater Brewing Co.
378 Mt. Hope Ave.

Celebrate the repurposing of this South Wedge gem into a hub of community activity, home of ROC SALT Mission Center and the South Wedge Food Program.

Come to Swiftwater and learn about opportunities to garden in the Alison Clarke Community Garden (we produced 1000 lbs. of vegetables for the Food Program last season) or the ornamental gardens on the property.

New Small Group

Please join us for a four week study on "The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer." We will meet on April 26, May 10, May 24, and June 14 (the second and fourth Thursdays of each month) at Third Church beginning on April 26 from 7:30-9:00pm.

This DVD/book study delves into what it means to be the church in the world, examines how we live a Christian life, and discusses Bonhoeffer's theme, "religionless Christianity." Study materials will be provided, with a suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost.

Questions? Contact Dianna Daunton
ddaunton@rochester.rr.com.

Work Day at ROC SALT

Saturday, April 28, 9:00am-1:00pm

All of Third Church is invited to a day of service and fellowship, all ages included.

We will work both inside and outside of ROC SALT (at Ashland and Averill) to help spruce things up!

We will also share a lunch and devotional prayer.

To sign up, please visit
pbygenval.org/upcoming-events/ or contact Cheryl Battaglia at
financialadmin@pbygenval.org.

Support Local Women and Girls

Saturday, April 28, 9:00am – 11:00am

Johnston Hall

Join the Church Ladies for a light breakfast (\$3/person to help offset the cost) and to listen

to a representative from the PAD Project while we assemble emergency kits.

Lunch and Learn: "The Muslims I Know"

Sunday, April 29, 12:30pm

A documentary screening of "The Muslims I Know" with director and producer Mara Ahmed. Meet the Rochester Pakistani American community as shown in this 2008 documentary that seeks to answer, "Where are the moderate Muslims?"

A light lunch will be served and a free-will offering will be held to cover the cost of the lunch and the film screening. Suggested donation \$10. RSVP to the church office at 271-6513 if you plan to attend.

Thinking about Qabats

The Qabats program has been a cornerstone of children's ministry for 25 years. In that time, we have refined our programming and evolved to meet the needs of families.

We believe it may again be time to evolve. All members and friends including (but not limited to) families currently in the program are encouraged to fill out a short survey to guide us as we think about this program for next year and beyond.



Use your cell phone camera to access the survey via this QR code, or find the survey on the children's page of the Third Church Website.

Donations Needed for RAIHN Bridge Apartment

RAIHN now has a bridge apartment, which allows families awaiting their final housing inspection to leave the RAIHN rotation and open a space for another family.

During the month of April, we will be collecting the following items to help stock the apartment:

Cleaning supplies, plunger, toilet brush, toilet paper, paper towels, light bulbs, canned and dry foods.

Donated items should be labeled "RAIHN" and can be left in the specially designated box by the church office.

Junior Choir CDs Still Available!

Did you get a chance to purchase your copy of the Jr. Choir's latest CD, "So it is with the Spirit"? We have copies still available for purchase. They make great gifts and offer a different way to share Third Church with friends and neighbors. Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6513 , ext. 101) to order, or stop by the office during the week. CDs are \$12 each, or 2 for \$20. Thank you for your support!

Calling All Gardeners!

Can you commit to one hour per week to help grow fresh, healthful vegetables for families in need? Volunteer with the Alison Clarke Community Garden to supplement the food at the South Wedge Food Program at the corner of Averill Ave. and Ashland Street. Contact Tracy Walker at tracy@walkermedia.net for more information.

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram, and Stay in Touch via Email!

In addition to Facebook, Third Church is also on Twitter and Instagram at handle @ThirdChurchROC. Join the conversation!

Additionally, if you are not on our email distribution list to receive weekly updates, please contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org.

New Ways to Donate Online

Donating to Third Church just got easier!

If you'd like to donate online, visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on the "Give" tab on right under the banner at the top of the page, and select "Give Online."

From there you will find several ways to make a quick and convenient donation, whether it's recurring or one-time only.

Worship Recordings and Sermon Availability

Did you know that Sunday sermons and anthems can be listened to again via the church website?

Visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on "Worship," then select "Sermons and Order of Worship" from the drop down menu.

Sermons are also available for viewing on the website; printed versions are available at several locations in the church.

Support Third Church When You Shop at Amazon

Amazon Associates is a program which pays referral fees to Third Church when an Amazon customer accesses amazon.com through the Third Church website.

Go to www.thirdpresbyterian.org and click on the Amazon logo on the homepage. Shop as you usually do, and Amazon will send a percentage of your purchase to Third Church. It's a great way to generate income for Third Church at no additional cost to you!

Sunday Morning Parking

Third Church aspires to be inclusive in many ways, including for those with mobility challenges. In order for worshipers to be able to use the ramp at the Arnold Park door, we have designated the ENTIRE Arnold Park parking lot for handicapped access on Sunday mornings.

We know, however, that there are more with handicapped access needs than there are spaces in the Arnold Park lot. Therefore, if you do not have a blue handicapped parking card, we kindly ask you not to park in the Arnold Park lot. If you are dropping someone off at the Arnold Park entrance, please continue through the driveway to our Meigs Street lot.

