

“However strong the branch becomes, however far away it reaches round the home, out of sight of the vine, all its beauty and all its fruitfulness ever depend upon that one point of contact where it grows out of the vine.”

Andrew Murray

Holy in Christ

The Worship of God
Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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. **The fourth and fifth grade classes will be at the Worship Table this morning.**

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 next 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 “Sonata II in C minor” Felix Mendelssohn
Grave - Adagio

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 from Psalm 22
LEADER: My praise is of God in the great assembly.
PEOPLE: **The poor shall eat and be satisfied.**
LEADER: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.
PEOPLE: **My soul shall live for God, and shall make known the saving
deeds that God has done.**

*HYMN 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER of ADORATION
**God of salvation, you have rolled the stone away and the
tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for
humankind. The night has passed and with dawn comes
new creation; Christ is risen to bring us new life.
Hear our prayers of glad adoration as we enter the
courtyard of your redeeming grace. 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.

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Tune: TRURO

BELL ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Conrad Kocher
arr. Ronald Kauffmann
Covenant Ringers

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Giorgio DiMarco Bonacchi

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER: Through baptism, Giorgio has now been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. God has made him 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. The fourth and fifth grade classes will be at the Worship Table this morning.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON — I John 4:7-21

Pew Bible, OT page 241

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Lord is my Shepherd"

Thomas Matthews

Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- Psalm 23

GOSPEL LESSON — John 15:1-8

Pew Bible, NT page 109

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Vine and Branches"

John Wilkinson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A New Creed, United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

ANTHEM

"Thou Art the Way"

Christopher Steel
Nicholas Landrum, *bass*

Thou art the way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee; And he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart; Thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Thou art the life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; And those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know, That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

-Bishop G. W. Doane

*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: **Holy God, receive these gifts that we share, responding to your grace and love. Connected to you, may we be shining examples of that love to others. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 246 "Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Sonata II in C minor"
Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Nicholas and Evelyn Tescione and the Reverend Howard Foye and Elizabeth Foye, parents of Pam and Ry Foye.

The memorial prayer candle is lit this morning in loving memory of James P. Chisholm.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Martha C. Langford, Ernest F. Krug, Dianna Daunton..... Liturgists
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Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Camille Clayton, Bonnie DeHollander,
Sheila Elliott, Tim Stout, Dot Wallace Greeters
Clive Daunton, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton,
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Katie Orem..... Elder Assisting in Baptism