

“The Lord has given us a table at which to feast, not an altar on which a victim is to be offered; He has not consecrated priests to make sacrifice, but servants to distribute the sacred feast.”

John Calvin

The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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. **Children should report to their classrooms in the Education Building before the service at 10:40am 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 is today 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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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 “Prière du Christ montant vers son Père” Olivier Messiaen
Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father
from *L'Ascension (1933-34)*

***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 98
LEADER: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;**
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
LEADER: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
PEOPLE: **Let the floods clap their hands;**
let the hills sing together for joy.

***HYMN 371** “New Songs of Celebration Render” RENDEZ À DIEU

***PRAYER of ADORATION**

Blessed are you, God of resurrection, to you be praise and glory forever. You have delivered us from the dominion of death and brought us into the commonwealth of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts. 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

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.

ANTHEM

“Greater Love Hath No Man”

John Ireland

Danika Felty, *soprano*

Sam Witmer, *baritone*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

GOSPEL LESSON — John 15:9-17

Pew Bible, NT page 109

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Love and Service”

John Wilkinson

*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.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION of ELDERS and DEACONS

LEADER: There are different gifts.

PEOPLE: **But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

LEADER: There are different ways of serving God.

PEOPLE: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

LEADER: God works through different people in different ways.

PEOPLE: **But God's purpose is achieved through them all.**

LEADER: Each one is given a gift by the spirit,

PEOPLE: **To use it for the common good.**

LEADER: Together we are the body of Christ,

PEOPLE: **And individually members of it.**

PRESENTATION of THOSE ELECTED

TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED AS ELDERS

Leanne Averill, *Ken Herting, Tina Jones, Mary Ellen Knickerbocker,
Juliana Lutzer, *Lydia Stratton-Smith, *Natalie Vinton

TO BE INSTALLED AS ELDERS

*Paul Bishop, Katie Orem, Rose Peet, Sean Singh

TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED AS DEACONS

Nancy Adams, Tim Allyn, Sue Danielson, *Carol Miller, Sue Northrup,
Massimo Vasta, *Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton, Jan Widboom,
Zachary Zeh, Robert Zerby

TO BE INSTALLED AS DEACON

Mary DuBois

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

ORDINATION BY PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

Fran Gotcsik, Gregg Hamberger, Ron Hansen,
Dale Maddock, Richard Shellman

** Will be ordained/installed at a later date*

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

In addition to our regular offering, today we receive a special offering for the People's Emergency Fund, which is used to help those who come to us in financial distress, especially those who face eviction or utility shut-offs. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

"God Is Gone Up"

Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding
Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praise, sing praises out, Unto our King sing
praise seraphic wise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And
let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers
fly, In flakes of Glory down him to attend, And hear Heart-cramping notes
of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their Music,
making ev'ry string More to enravish as they this tune sing. God is gone
up with a triumphant shout...

-text by Edward Taylor (1646-1729)

*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 forward 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.**

*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

"Anthem of Hope"

Michael Mazzatenta
Junior High Bells

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ’s redemptive love. As we recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread, may we see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. As we are fed by his grace, give us grace to share our bread with the hungry and the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service as we know and share Christ’s love. Amen.

*HYMN 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

RESPONSE “Go Now in Peace” Natalie Sleeth Junior Choir

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

*GREETING

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune in D” David N. Johnson

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Brunhilde Pleger Knapp.

The memorial prayer candle is lit this morning in honor of James P. Chisholm and the many gifts that he shared with Third Church.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE

- John Wilkinson..... Preacher
- Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks, Mary DuBois..... Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
- Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
- Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander, Alice Fishbeck, Ann Haag, Jack Salzer Greeters
- Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Mary Philip, Beth Sieber, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton, Stephen Zuegel Ushers
- East Avenue Grocery Run Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Pew Cushions

Individual pew cushions are available in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

Today's Offering

Today we receive a special offering for the People's Emergency Fund. The Fund is supported solely by your contributions, and is used primarily to provide emergency financial assistance to people at risk for homelessness due to a rental eviction notice, or those who have received notice of utility shut-offs due to inability to pay. Thank you for your generosity to those in urgent need.

May is Stained Glass Month at Third Church

This month, we are introducing the James P. Chisholm Memorial Stained Glass Restoration Fund, a church-wide effort to raise funds to restore and keep in top condition Third Church's priceless stained glass windows. The Chisholm Fund is named in memory of Jim Chisholm, long-time Third Church member whose care for our facility remains a significant gift.

We hope to raise more than \$10,000 annually to support the extra-budgetary costs for restoring one or more sanctuary stained glass windows. This May, we will seek to raise funds in two ways:

- Send a check to the church office, or leave it in the offering plate on any Sunday. Please mark "Stained Glass" in the memo line. On May 20, we will receive a special offering during worship; you are welcome to make your gift then.
- Make a silent auction bid on the beautiful antique stained glass window displayed in Johnston Hall. This window, a donation to the church, is from the well-known Keck Studio in

Syracuse. Auction details will be available this week.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important effort, as we preserve and maintain our beautiful windows for future generations.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, May 6, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Islam for Presbyterians" led by Muhammad Shafiq, Professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth College and Executive Director of the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue.

Next Sunday May 13: "The Church and the Civil Rights Movement" led by Rod Frohman, Pastor Emeritus. Part one of a three part series.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, May 6 at 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Miracle at the Red Sea, Exodus 14:1-31"

Next Sunday May 13: "Thunder and Lightning, Fire and Smoke, Exodus 20:1-7"

Plant Sale: Youth Fundraiser

Geraniums, gerber daisies, begonias...order your plants at Coffee Hour today! Delivery next Sunday, May 13. The cost is \$10/plant.

Exploring Membership Luncheon – TODAY

12:00pm in Johnston Hall

If you are new to Third Church and would like to know more about us, or are interested in exploring membership, we invite you to join us at our Exploring Membership Luncheon.

For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered that same afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or can be arranged at another mutually convenient time.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, May 7 at 6:30pm, Johnston Hall.

Join us for this free class!

Thursday Voices

**Thursday, May 10, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

"We Believe in One God," led by John Wilkinson.

Homes Offering Next Sunday May 13

On Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) we will receive the Homes Offering, which supports ministries provided by Rochester Presbyterian Home (RPH) to the senior residents.

This year's Homes Offering will help RPH continue their efforts to redefine elder care and create environments that foster meaningful living and person-centered care at its three communities. Please prayerfully consider your support of the offering.

Our Next RAIHN Rotation is May13-20

Please sign up at
www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Laurie Mahoney, 747-5852, or Lou Loggi, 781-4237.

Calvin Guild

**Wednesday, May 16, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

Join us for a picnic and sing-along led by Ann McMican and Jack Mould. Cost is \$8 for a soup and sandwich lunch. Please RSVP to Dot Wallace, dpiercewallace@gmail.com no later than May 11.

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Sunday, May 20, 4:00pm

The Chancel Choir will conclude its season of special programs with a Service of Choral Evensong in the Sanctuary, on Sunday, May 20 at 4:00pm. This year's service will be extra special, as our Chancel Choir will be joined by the Choir of Christ Church (Episcopal), Pittsford, for this reflective service. The Evensong service is full of music, prayers and scripture, and has its roots in the Evening services of the Anglican Church. Our musicians, Peter DuBois and Caroline Robinson, will be

joined by David Baskeyfield and Thomas Gaynor from Christ Church, in providing leadership for the service. They'll be performing music by Byron Adams, Edward Bairstow, Herbert Murrill, Hubert Parry and others, as well as lead the congregation in hymn singing. **If you've never attended one of our services of Choral Evensong, this is the year to do it – you won't be disappointed!** The service will be followed by a reception in the Celebration Center.

Summer Sizzle 2018 – Keep the Wheels Turning

This summer, we are hosting our Summer Sizzle program at Wilson Commencement Park, which offers resources and services to single-parent, low-income families. While many sites are willing to give us access to their on-site educational and cultural programming at zero to reduced fees, **lack of transportation remains a significant barrier for these families.**

Our goal is raise \$5000 to fund transportation for educational excursions.

Look for our special table at coffee hour during the following Sundays: after the 10:45am service today, May 13, May 20, June 3 and June 17. Your contribution of any amount can be sent to the church office. Please write *Summer Sizzle Fill the Bus* in the memo line.

Save The Date! Elvis to Elton Summer Picnic

**Thursday, July 26, 4:15pm-8:00pm
Perinton Park Pavilion**

Come for great food and fellowship, bring a friend!

Stay tuned 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.

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.

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

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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.

