

“Neutrality in a situation of oppression
always supports the status quo.”

Walter Wink

The Worship of God
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018

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 aged 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 and toddlers.

Pastoral Care: needs and prayer concerns may be communicated to Ernest Krug.

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, October 14 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 **"Prelude in G, BWV 541"** J. S. Bach

*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 84*

LEADER: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

PEOPLE: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

LEADER: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

PEOPLE: Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

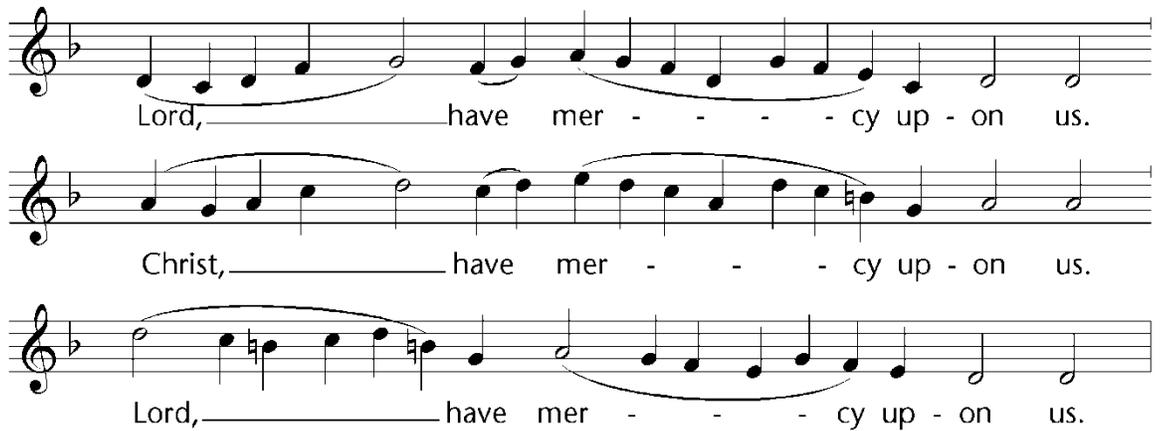
*HYMN 394 **"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"** WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you. 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 preschool age children and younger.

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

I. II. TALLIS' CANON



Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through
this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it
strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986
music: Thomas Tallis, adapt. Parker's Whole Psalter, c.1561

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 — I Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Pew Bible, OT page 312

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Praise, Rejoice and Sing!"

Allen Pote
Summer Choir

Sing alleluia, sing to the Lord of love. Sing and be joyful, rejoice in God above. Alleluia, praise his name, who came to earth by human birth to be **my guide and friend. I will tell the world the wonder that I know: God's love watches over me wherever I may go.** Oh praise, alleluia, Praise, rejoice and sing, for God gives us everything.

- text by Allen Pote

EPISTLE LESSON — Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible, NT page 195

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Be Strong"

Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

*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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even **as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"** 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

"Ain'-a That Good News?"

arr. Mark Patterson
Summer Choir

I've got good news, my Lord! I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news? I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross, gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news?

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world...

I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world...

*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: Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. Amen.

*HYMN 269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

*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

"Fugue in G, BWV 541"

J. S. Bach

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Christopher Mould.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with all those facing surgery and treatment, for their health and healing.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

- Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
- Ernest F. Krug Liturgist
- Malcolm Matthews..... Guest Organist
- Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
- Camille Clayton, Bob Eames, Carol Roth Greeters
- Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
Ann McMican, Gayle Phillips, Janet Stewart, David Tennant Ushers