



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

*Will the Lord spurn forever and never again
be favorable?*

Has steadfast love forever ceased?

Are his promises at an end for all time?

Has God forgotten to be gracious?

Has he in anger shut up his compassion?

Psalm 77:7–9

In these verses there occur three of Israel's most precious covenantal words, *hesed*, *hanan*, *raham*—loyalty, graciousness, compassion. The questions pose the most urgent faith issues. They ask about the very character of God...some rhetorical questions in the speech of the Old Testament are not mere rhetoric, but are serious questions. Such questions ask the unaskable. In the form of a question the speaker moves

into dangerous and unexplored territory
in the space between us and the throne.

Walter Brueggemann

The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2016

10:00am

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 this morning, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

* Stand as you are able

PRELUDE "Three Trios" Josef Rheinberger
Andante in F – Andante in Gm – Moderato in C

* DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS
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: We call to mind your deeds, O Lord.

PEOPLE: Your way, O God, is holy.

LEADER: We remember the wonders of creation,

PEOPLE: how you brought order out of chaos.

LEADER: We recall your leading us to freedom,

PEOPLE: how you led your people like a flock.

* HYMN 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine” DOWN AMPNEY

PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison) God of the prophets, we confess that we have failed to heed your word. You break down barriers among people, but we separate ourselves from others. You are ever faithful in your promise, but we turn away from others in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Stir up that still, small voice in us and speak to us through the silence with a message of hope and welcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy up on us.
Christ, have mercy up on us.
Lord, have mercy 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 aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for children, Kindergarten and younger, in the Education Building. (Nursery Room 107)

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN

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



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 *We ask that you sign the Friendship Pad and pass it*

WELCOME *to the person next to you in the pew. Please greet those worshipping with you at the close of the service.*

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (Pew Bible, NT page 190)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “Still, Still with Thee” John Ness Beck
Mary Ann Rutkowski, *soprano*

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 77 (Pew Bible, OT page 537)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Nobody Knows” Martha Langford

* HYMN 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS

* AFFIRMATION A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

of FAITH **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.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE *(Prayer request cards are available in pew pockets and can be*

and THE LORD'S *placed in the offering plate.)*

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 "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" K. Lee Scott

* 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

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: **Take these gifts, O God, for the work of this church. Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness. In the name of the one who gave himself for us, we pray. Amen.**

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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 "Postlude in D" Healey Willan

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford

LITURGIST: Lynette Sparks

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

GREETERS: Carol Roth, Camille Clayton, Cindy Capps

USHERS: Ann McMican, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
Justin Connolly, Sue Danielson, Janet
Stewart, Dianna Daunton, David Tennant

Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Barbara Jane and Byron E. Curry, parents of Cathy Norton, Janet Curry, Sarah Jacobe and Bill Curry.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in memory of victims of gun violence everywhere.

June 26, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

Third Church at Red Wings Game

Thursday, June 30th, 6:00pm

An extra-special night at the ball park with your Third Church community! A double header – they will play two seven inning games! The Junior

Choir will open the game with by singing of the National Anthem! Sit with others from our congregation, and support our youth in a fundraiser as they staff the Rohrbach's concession that evening. Tickets are available at a

discounted price of \$9.50 each and can be purchased by calling Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537 ext. 118 or

rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org

More Light Pride Week Activities

Pride Week Movie: July 12 at 6:00pm

A screening of the movie "Milk" at 6:00pm in Johnston Hall followed by a Q and A with LGBTQ friends who work in the local political scene. Come enjoy the film and fellowship!

Pride Parade: July 16 at 1:00pm

All are welcome to take part in the 2016 Rochester Pride Parade by joining the walking group or cheering us on down Park Avenue. We will gather at the church at 12:15pm and walk to our staging spot on Alexander. The Third Church team is planning to wear Grocery Run t-shirts, which come in all the colors of the rainbow.

Third Church Gun Violence Response Team

The Third Church Gun Violence Response team is re-grouping and making plans for education and advocacy. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Lynette Sparks,

LSparks@thirdpresbyterian.org

or David Tennant ,

dtennant@nixonpeabody.com.

Camp Cory is August 22 – 25

Camp Cory is the annual choir camp for children in (or planning to join) Junior Choir who are entering 4th –6th grade. We also invite any youth entering 8th grade and older who are interested in being counselors and counselors in training for our camp.

Registration packets will be distributed this Sunday to the Junior Choir and will also be available on the website (resources tab of children's page) starting in the middle of next week. The cost will be \$155 per participant. Partial scholarships are available – please contact Mary Ann, Becky,

or Jane for an application. All registration forms will be due by Friday, July 22.

Food Cupboard Needs

The Food Cupboard is in need of 2-person teams of Sunday Stockers. These folks come in (usually Sunday after church) or any time between Thursday afternoon and Sunday evening, and re-stock the shelves so that they are full on Monday morning. This task takes about 40 minutes, and involves some lifting of cases of food. Families and kids are welcome. Please call Carol Coons 227-5953 or Kay Ramsay at 544-9022.

News from the Third Church Library

The library is looking for donations to replace a few books from our collection that are either missing or damaged. If you would like to donate one of these books to the library, check out our new wish list on Amazon.com where you may

purchase a book and have it sent to the library.

From the Amazon home page, go to the “Lists” drop down menu. Click “Find a List or Registry” then search for “Third Church Library”. In the coming months we will add more books to the wish list that would be welcome additions to our collection.

Third Church Sermons

Third Church Sermons. Sermons preached at Third Church, including John Wilkinson’s sermon from last week responding to the Orlando shootings, are available in several ways.

1. In printed form in the literature racks in the sanctuary and chapel narthexes and outside the main office
2. Posted on the Third Church website (along with audio recordings)
3. On the Third Church Facebook page.

Calendar for June 26– July 3

Sunday at Third Church

9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:30am	Jr. Choir National Anthem Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:45am	Childcare	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00pm	Coffee Hour	Cloister

Monday, June 27

9:30am Food Cupboard CC

Office closed in observance of Independence Day

Tuesday, June 28

9:15am Morning Prayer Chapel
 9:45am Staff Meeting Parker Room
 6:00pm Property Committee Whitney Room

Saturday, July 2

11:00am Dining Room Ministry CC

Wednesday, June 29

9:00am Program Staff Retreat Off site

Sunday, July 3

9:00am Practices of Faith JH
 9:15am Intercessory Prayer Chapel
 9:45am Child Care Nursery
 10:00am Worship Sanctuary
 11:00pm Coffee Hour Cloister

Thursday, June 30

9:30am Food Cupboard CC
 6:05pm Red Wings Game Off site

Friday, July 1

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