



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

"The parable of the pots is less about the ability of God to respond to our good or evil acts, than it is about God choosing us to contain the gospel."

John C. Holbert

**The Worship of God
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 4, 2016

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 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 under the first row pews.

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 scriptures for the day.

Child Care is available in the Education Building for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

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. The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place October 2.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 100).

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

* Stand as you are able

PRELUDE "Prelude on Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams

* 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 Based on Psalm 139

LEADER: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

PEOPLE: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

LEADER: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

PEOPLE: **How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them – they are like the sand.**

* HYMN 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

(unison)

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry our cross, but it weighs too much. We count the cost of following you – as long as there are benefits; but we are afraid to renounce all we have. Forgive the conditions we put forth, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for kindergarten and younger. (Nursery Room 107)

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

LEADER: Luke 14:25-33
PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, NT page 78)

SOLO "Brother James' Air"

arr. Malcolm Archer
Anders Namestrik, *tenor*

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

(Pew Bible, OT page 720)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Artisan Works"

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 697 "Take My Life"

HENDON

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRAYERS of the
PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayer request cards are available in the pew pockets and may be placed in the offering plate.)

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

In addition to our regular offering, this morning we will receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Special envelopes are available in the pew racks.

SOLO "Litanei"

Franz Schubert

* 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: **We give you thanks this day for the goodness and love that you have shown to us in Christ, and pray your blessing upon these gifts. May they build your love in the world, to the honor of your name. Amen.**

* HYMN 719 "Come, Labor On"

ORA LABORA

* 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

"Final"
 from Symphony No. 1 in D

Louis Vierne

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Bob Eames, Camille Clayton, Dot Wallace, Miss Rickey Snowden
USHERS: Griff Vinton, Bob Merz, Betsy Vinton, Rob White, Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber, Roxanne Boyer, Jim Boyer

The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of George Fredric Meyer and Helen Gaylord Meyer, beloved parents of Helen Phillips.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit with gratitude for the tradition of Labor Day and in thanks for all who labor.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Junior Choir and Children's Bell Choir

Junior Choir rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 11 at 9:00am in the Moot Room. (Our first Wednesday rehearsal is September 14 at 5:30pm.) All children in grades 3 to 6 are invited and encouraged to sing! The choir rehearses twice a week and assists in leading worship on a weekly basis with their musical introit, anthem, and benediction offerings. Children's Bell Choir (5th and 6th graders only) will begin in October on Wednesdays at 5:00pm and follows the Qabats schedule. There is a sign-up option on the Qabats registration form for both groups. Please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski at 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org with any questions.

Chancel Choir Begins Soon

The new season of singing for the Chancel Choir will begin with rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 7** from 7:00 – 9:15pm. New members are most welcome to join this talented group that provides inspiring leadership in worship from September through June each year. Commitment to the schedule of rehearsals and services is important, and some music reading ability is helpful. All voice parts are welcome! To indicate your interest, contact **Peter DuBois** in advance to schedule a time to discuss membership in the choir (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 109)

Third Church Handbell Choirs

Fall is just around the corner, and with that comes the start of rehearsals for adult handbell choirs. While new members are welcome at any time, fall is an excellent time to begin. If you've played in the past, consider joining a group again, or if you've never played, come give it a try!

- **The Celebration Ringers**, (beginning to intermediate ringing) meet on Thursday mornings from 10:45-11:45am beginning **September 15**.
- **Third Church Ringers** (intermediate to advanced) rehearse Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45pm beginning **September 15**. Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski at 271-6537, ext. 101 Or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org to discuss membership.

Pat-a-cake Pancake Breakfast

Rally Day September 11, 9:15am, Nursery
Families with infants and toddlers are invited to a pancake breakfast in the Nursery! Join us for food, coffee, crafts, and good conversation. This is a great opportunity for new parents to get to know the nursery and other families in the church. All are welcome! Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch veitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or Tori Brugger toritomkinson@gmail.com for more information.

Rally Day!

Sunday, September 11 on the East Avenue lawn following worship at 10am
Be sure to join us for the traditional celebration including a hot dog lunch provided by the

Congregational Fellowship Committee and the music of the Meigs Street Ramblers. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118 if you can bring a batch of cookies to share.

made contacts and are developing specifics. Given the short time frame for air reservations, we wanted to ask if there are people who would be willing to commit to this trip by this week. Contact Rod Taylor (rtaylor@rochester.rr.com) or Nancy Watson (442-0145, nancy_watson@urmc.rochester.edu)

Help Rochester's Homeless Population

Third Church is participating in Project Homeless Connect, a one-day event which will be held at Blue Cross Arena **on September 15**. The event connects the homeless with critical services. You can help by collecting and contributing new and gently used winter wear - primarily coats. A box is available (in the Narthex) until September 4. For more information visit HomelessConnectRochester.org.

Volunteer Opportunities at Calvary St. Andrews

The food program at Calvary St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (with whom Third Church has a partnership) has volunteer openings available. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Martha Cuthbert at marthacuthbert@gmail.com

- 3 people to work the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00am-10:00am to unload boxes of food
- 2 people to work the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00am-10:00am at our mobile pantry. Tasks would be setting up tables, unloading produce from the truck, handing out food, and cleanup.
- 3 volunteers for our food cupboard, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm. These volunteers would help clients select food and restock shelves.

Help For Baton Rouge

In the wake of catastrophic flooding, we are planning to send a small group of 6-7 from Third Church going to work in the Baton Rouge area the week of October 17th. Cost would be \$200+ airfare to New Orleans. We would like to arrive Saturday, October 15th and would return that following Saturday or Sunday. Work groups and housing are unclear since it is early in the recovery. We have

Calendar for September 4– September 11

Sunday at Third Church

9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Childcare	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, September 5 Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30pm	Stewardship Meeting	Parker Room
5:30pm	Peacemaking	Off-site
6:00pm	Spiritual Formation	JH

Thursday, September 8

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers Moot Room	

Saturday, September 10

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Wednesday, September 7

7:00pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	JH
7:00pm	More Light Committee	Whitney Room

Sunday, September 11

9:00am	Childcare	Nursery
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
10:00am	Worship - Rally Day	Sanctuary
10:00am	Church School	Nursery