



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“The meeting happens in a dream. The wakeful world of Jacob was a world of fear, terror, loneliness (and, we may imagine, unresolved guilt). Those were parameters of his existence. The dream permits the entry of an alternative into his life. The dream is not a morbid review of a shameful past. It is rather the presentation of an alternative future with God.”

Walter Brueggemann

Genesis

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

July 23, 2017

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 age 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, toddlers and preschoolers.

Pastoral Care: needs and prayer concerns may be communicated to Ernest Krug, ekrug@thirdpresbyterian.org.

More about Membership: If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

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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Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist	
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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 baptism, 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 infants and preschool age children.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Smith Blair Veenema

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER: Through baptism, Smith Blair 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.**

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.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Genesis 28:10-19a

(Pew Bible, OT page 25)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”

Sven Lekberg

Leanne Averill, *soprano*

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(Pew Bible, NT page 14)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Living the Dream”

Ernest Krug

*HYMN 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

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

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 in 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.

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

SOLO

"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God"

T. Tertius Noble
Leanne Averill, *soprano*

*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: **Loving God, take the offerings of our resources and our lives and bless them to be part of what you are doing in the world to reconcile all people to each other and to yourself. Give us courage to grow in faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ and the courage to be instruments of your peace and healing in the world around us. Amen.**

***HYMN 686** "God of Our Life"

SANDON

***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 "Festival Voluntary"

Flor Peeters

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Alice Kwong, beloved mother of Tai Kwong.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit with gratitude for the gift of baptism.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Ernest F. Krug Preacher
John Wilkinson, Lynette K. Sparks..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Camille Clayton, Kirsten Elting, Carol Roth, Ruth Rossi Greeters
Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
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