



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

“Dreams”

Langston Hughes

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

August 13, 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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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 “Andante with Variations in D Major” Felix Mendelssohn

*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 105

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name,
make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

PEOPLE: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

LEADER: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

PEOPLE: **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

*HYMN 263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” CORONATION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we are complacent. By ignoring injustice, we allow it to continue. Yet you have shown us you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Christ. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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 infants and preschool age children.)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

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.)

EPISTLE LESSON — Romans 10:5-15

(Pew Bible, NT page 160)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Allegro"
(from *String Quartet in F*)

Maurice Ravel

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

(Pew Bible, OT page 34)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Here Comes the Dreamer"

Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 13 "The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

KINGSFOLD

*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 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

Loose offering this morning and checks designated "Gateways" will support the mission of the Gateways Music Festival. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY

"Assez vif"
(from *String Quartet in F*)

Maurice Ravel

*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: **We give thanks, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now the gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. Use them to satisfy those who are hungry, to release those who are oppressed, and to proclaim everywhere the good news made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 550 "Give Praise to the Lord"

LAUDATE DOMINUM

*CHARGE and BENEEDICTION

*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 **“Drei Tonstücke für die Orgel, op. 22”**
I. Moderato

Niels Gade

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Jim Chisholm, Robert and June Wright, Linda W. Streeter and Doris and James Chisholm, family of Jan Chisholm.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in gratitude for the gift of music and the wide diversity of artists who create, conduct and perform.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE:

Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
Mary Ann Rutkowski Liturgist
Karl Robson Guest Organist
Bob Eames, Dot Wallace, Rob White Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters,
Gloria Pleger, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers Ushers

GATEWAYS MUSICIANS:

Shannah Boone violin I
Kyle Dickson violin II
Kathryn Brown viola
Gordon Grubbs cello