

Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

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The emptiness
that you have been holding
for such a long season now

that ache in your chest
that goes with you
night and day
in your sleeping,
your rising:

think of this
not as a mere hollow,
the void left from
the life that has leached out
of you.

Think of it like this:
as the space being prepared
for the seed.

Think of it
as your earth that dreams
of the branches
the seed contains,
and of the nest
the branches will hold.

Jan Richardson

“Blessing That Holds a Nest in Its Branches”

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

June 17, 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 in the fall.

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 Presbyterian Church"

THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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Ernest F. Krug, Parish Associate	ext 108
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Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, Coordinator of Children's Ministries and Congregational Life.....	ext 118
<i>(on sabbatical through 8/14/18)</i>	
Jane S. Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator	ext 107
Rachel Norton, Development Associate.....	ext 113
Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist	
Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 “Benedictus” Max Reger

*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 92

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to God Most High;

PEOPLE: **to declare God’s steadfast love in the morning
and God’s faithfulness at nighttime.**

LEADER: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish;
no matter their age, they bear fruit
and remain lush and fresh, proclaiming:

PEOPLE: **The Lord is righteous; God is my rock.**

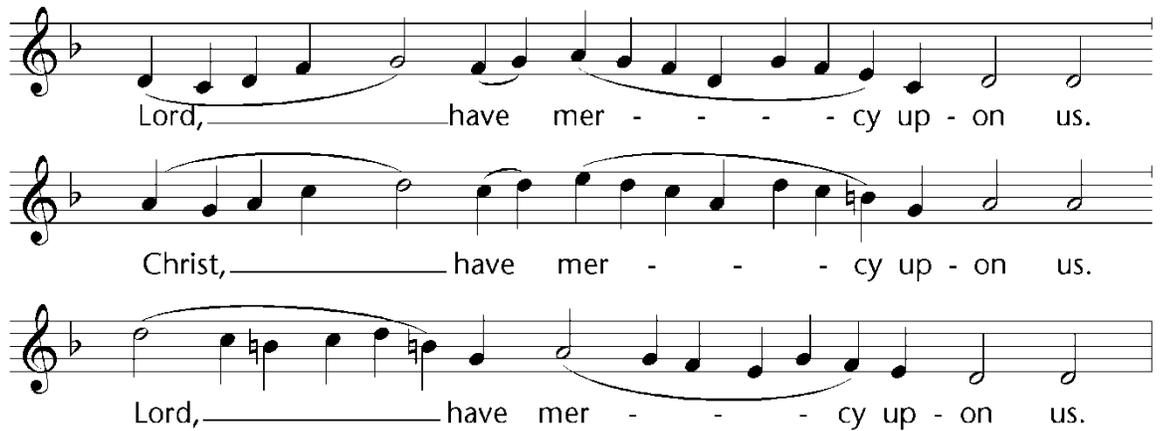
*HYMN 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, we easily miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us for fostering divisions when you have called us to reconcile with one another. Help us to grow in faithfulness to you. In Christ’s name we pray. 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

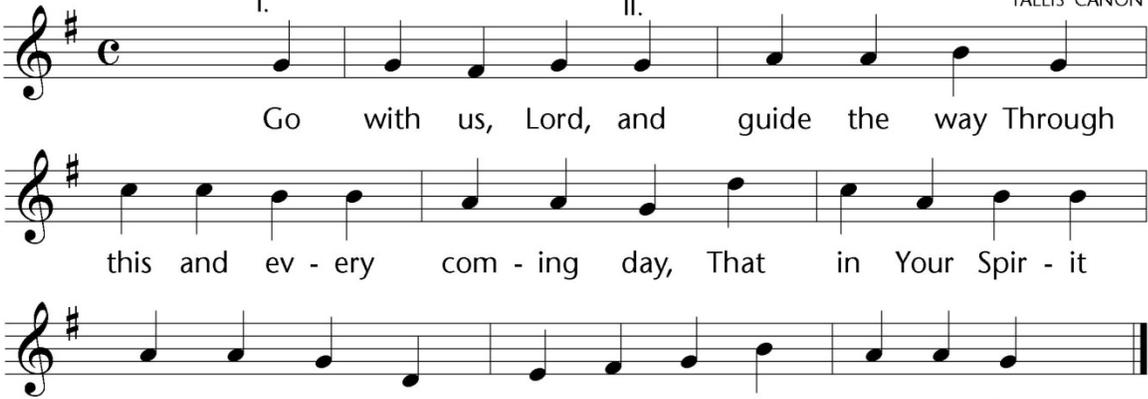
Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship.

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 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Pew Bible, OT page 259

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “For the Fruit of All Creation”

arr. Nicholas Landrum
Nicholas Landrum, *bass*

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 4:26-34

Pew Bible, NT page 38

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “An Invitation to Wonder”

Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 293 “Loving Spirit”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

"This Is My Father's World"

arr. Paul S. Jones
Nicholas Landrum, *bass*

*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: **Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.**

*HYMN 26 "Earth and All Stars!"

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Naramore, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. David C. Naramore, Jr., Charles B. Naramore, Barbara Naramore Rich and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas LaBudde.

The memorial prayer candle is lit with prayers for world peace.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
John Wilkinson..... Liturgist
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Camille Clayton, Sheila Elliott..... Greeters
Bill Boller, Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke Ushers



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In Our Prayers

For the Tidd family on the death of Chris' father, Gene.

Pew Cushions

Individual pew cushions are available in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

Food Cupboard in Need

CAN YOU HELP? Please consider bringing a few jars of peanut butter (18oz) to church every Sunday this summer. Our supply is almost depleted! We give 50 - 60 jars every week. Thank you!

Sunday Seminar and Growing in the Word

There is no gathering today.

Beginning next Sunday, June 24, Summer Sundays will bring the opportunity to watch select TED talks and engage in group discussion.

Sunday June 24: "Can a divided America heal?" by Jonathan Haidt, led by Lynette Sparks.

James P. Chisholm Stained Glass Restoration Fund Update



Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the Chisholm Fund in its inaugural year. We surpassed the 2018 goal, which will allow us to undertake a complete restoration of the Nativity window (second from the narthex on the Arnold Park side).

Your generosity is a wonderful tribute to the memory of Jim Chisholm, and a gift to the congregation, which will be able to enjoy our beautiful windows for years to come.

Name Tags

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is happy to announce that we will be taking orders for Third Presbyterian Church member name tags. We hope that many of you will obtain a name tag to help us get to know our congregation and build connections. On Sundays after worship throughout the month of June, orders for name tags will be taken. The cost of a name tag is \$10.50 and needs to be paid for at the time your order is placed by cash, check or credit card. **If cost is an issue, please let us know.** We will ask that you keep your name tag with your own personal belongings. Please contact any of the following committee members if you have questions.

Rob White, *chairperson*, Sheila Elliott, Pam Foye, Sarah Krug, Laurie Mahoney, Katy Tidd

Monday Night Yoga

Monday June 18 at 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

This class will be the last before summer break. We will resume in the fall.

Summer of the Century

Thursday June 21, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"How Michelle Obama subverted respectability politics with a ponytail," led by Paul Gongloff.

Third Church at the Red Wings

Friday June 29, 7:05pm

Third Church will be out in force – the Junior Choir will be singing the National Anthem, we will be staffing the Rohrbach's concession stand as a fundraiser, and a whole bunch of us will be cheering on from the stands! Tickets are \$9.50 each (limited number available). **Purchase tickets today following worship.**

Rochester 2018 Pride Parade

Saturday July 21

Walk with the Third Presbyterian Church group in the 2018 Rochester Pride Parade! This year, we have festive tie-dye Third Church PRIDE shirts to wear as we walk the route. Line up starts at 12:00pm. Parade begins at 1:00pm. For the first time, the Third Church marchers will be accompanied by a six person golf cart for parade participants who are not able to walk the route. If you are not able to walk with us, cheer us from the sidelines anywhere along Park Ave. from Alexander St. to Argyle St. Finally, join us on the church lawn for a picnic after the parade. To reserve a seat on the golf cart, get a tie-dye shirt and/or come for the picnic, contact Betty Iwan at bettyiwan@gmail.com or 381-0322.

Elvis to Elton Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 26, 4:15pm-8:00pm Perinton Park Pavilion

Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and great food at this summer picnic. Bring your own plates, eating utensils, beverages and cups, meats to grill (with rolls and relishes), AND a dish to pass based on your last name: A-G appetizer, H-R salad, S-Z dessert.

Charcoal and starter will be provided. Bring items for summer entertainment like bocce, basketball, rackets, cards, etc. The fee is \$3 per person to cover the pavilion rental.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Woodard at 381-4427 or email elizwoodard@rochester.rr.com.

Summer Sizzle Volunteers Needed – Keep the Wheels Turning!

This summer, Summer Sizzle will be running a seven week summer program entitled **Wilson Wondercamp**.

Located in Wilson Commencement Park, this camp will run on Mondays and Thursdays, July 2 to August 16, 10:00am to 4:00pm and will give kids an opportunity to engage in nature activities, music workshops, dance classes and more.

We need your help! Between six and fifteen chaperones/counselors will be needed to make this camp run smoothly. The minimum commitment required is three out of the seven

weeks, with specific days of the week a possibility.

If you are interested, please contact Melanie Jones at artsenrichmentdirector@aol.com or 347-668-6181.

Additionally, while many sites are willing to give us access to their on-site educational and cultural programming at zero to reduced fees, **lack of transportation remains a significant barrier for these families.**

Our goal is raise \$5,000 to fund transportation for educational excursions.

Look for our table today following worship. Your contribution of any amount can be sent to the church office. Please write *Summer Sizzle Fill the Bus* in the memo line.

Meals With a Meaning – October 20

Want to get to know other church members on a more meaningful level? Then join us this fall for “Meals With a Meaning.” There is no set cost for this event. Instead, each guest is asked to consider what he or she would spend on a typical evening out to dinner. Contributions go to the Third Church operating budget. Gatherings are sized to fit each volunteer’s table. Meals need not be expensive or fancy, but focus on creativity and personal cooking preferences with a focus on fun! If you’ve enjoyed this event in the past, consider hosting this year. If you are new to Third Church since our last event, we especially look forward to your participation and getting to know you better. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20. Then contact committee chairs to sign up as a host or a guest. Contact Beth Aten (bethfa@rochester.rr.com) or Hope Herting (mhherting@yahoo.com).

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram, and Stay in Touch via Email!

In addition to Facebook, Third Church is also on Twitter and Instagram at handle @ThirdChurchROC. Join the conversation!

Additionally, if you are not on our email distribution list to receive weekly updates, please contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Calling All Gardeners!

Can you commit to one hour per week to help grow fresh, healthful vegetables for families in need? Volunteer with the Alison Clarke Community Garden to supplement the food at the South Wedge Food Program at the corner of Averill Ave. and Ashland Street. Contact Tracy Walker at tracy@walkermedia.net for more information.

Amazon Wish List

Friends, the Third Church librarians have identified a few books that would enhance the offerings of our church library. We have added these to the library's Amazon Wish List.

If you would like to donate a book to the library, visit amazon.com, and from 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. And we always gratefully accept gently used, unmarked books from your personal collection that are appropriate for the library.

New Ways to Donate Online

Donating to Third Church just got easier!

If you'd like to donate online, visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on the "Give" tab on right under the banner at the top of the page, and select "Give Online."

From there you will find several ways to make a quick and convenient donation, whether it's recurring or one-time only.

You can also use your mobile device to make donations to Third! Download the Give+ app, search for Third Presbyterian Church, and follow the instructions to make one-time or recurring gifts toward your pledge or special funds.

Worship Recordings and Sermon Availability

Did you know that Sunday sermons and anthems can be listened to again via the church website?

Visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on "Worship," then select "Sermons and Order of Worship" from the drop down menu.

Sermons are also available for viewing on the website; printed versions are available at several locations in the church.

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Go to www.thirdpresbyterian.org and click on the Amazon logo on the homepage. Shop as you usually do, and Amazon will send a percentage of your purchase to Third Church. It's a great way to generate income for Third Church at no additional cost to you!

Sunday Morning Parking

Third Church aspires to be inclusive in many ways, including for those with mobility challenges. In order for worshipers to be able to use the ramp at the Arnold Park door, we have designated the ENTIRE Arnold Park parking lot for handicap access on Sunday mornings.

We know, however, that there are more with handicap access needs than there are spaces in the Arnold Park lot. Therefore, if you do not have a blue handicap parking card, we kindly ask you not to park in the Arnold Park lot. If you are dropping someone off at the Arnold Park entrance, please continue through the driveway to our Meigs Street lot.