



“Let us do our thinking on these great questions, not with our eyes fixed on our bank account, but with a wise outlook on the fields of the future and with the consciousness that the spirit of the Eternal is seeking to distill from our lives, some essence of righteousness, before they pass away.”

Walter Rauschenbusch

The Worship of God
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

10:45am

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.

Church School: is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service.

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 **TODAY at 12:00pm**.

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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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 “Prière” Joseph Jongen

INTROIT “Give Thanks to the Lord” Susan Naylor Callaway
Junior Choir

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love will never end.
Serve the lord with gladness, come before Him with songs of joy!
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before Him with praise!
Give thanks to the Lord...

*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 90*

LEADER: Be gracious to your servants, O God.
PEOPLE: **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
and we will rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
LEADER: Show your servants your works —
PEOPLE: **and your splendor to their children.**
LEADER: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
PEOPLE: **prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

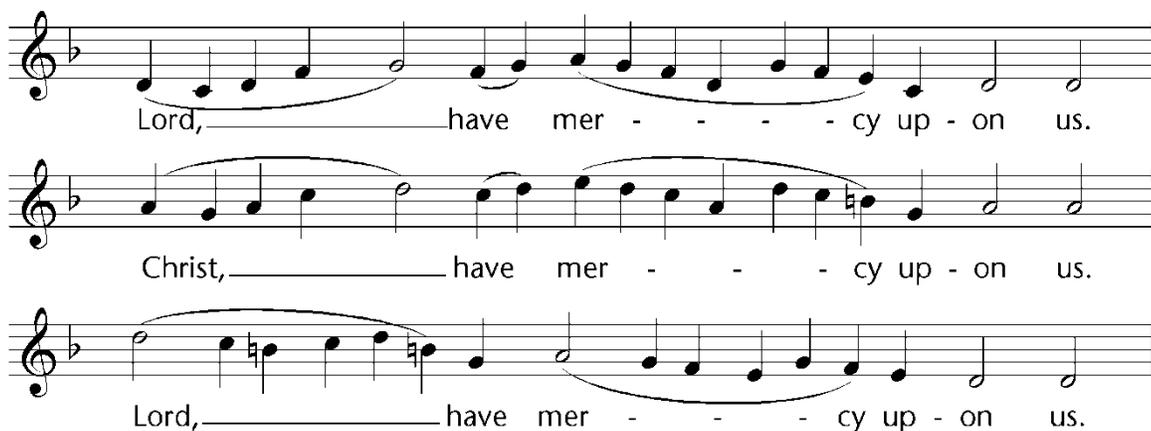
*HYMN 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy 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

ANTHEM

“Mungu ni Mwema (with God is So Good)”

Mark Burrows

Junior Choir

Katie Orem, *percussion*

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God is good to me.

Mungu, Mungu ni mewma daima. Daima Mungu ni mewma. Mungu,
Mungu ni mewma daima. God is good to me.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Following the children’s message, school age children are invited to proceed to the education building for Sunday School. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for infants and toddlers. **Grades 4 and 5 will be at the Worship Table this morning.***

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.

EPISTLE LESSON — Hebrews 4:12-16

Pew Bible, NT page 220

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Even When He is Silent”

Kim André Arnesen

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.
I believe in love even when I feel it not.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

*Anonymous text found written on a wall
at a concentration camp after World War II*

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 10:17-31

Pew Bible, NT page 46

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Disrupted Expectations”

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A New Creed, United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

In addition to the regular offering, today we receive our monthly special offering to support the People's Emergency Fund, which is used to help those who come to us in financial distress, especially those who face eviction or utility shut-offs. Each month we are forced to turn some people away because funds have been depleted; your donations enable more assistance to people in need. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM "Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee" Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

- Paul Flemming (1609-1640)

*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: God of all mercy, we give you humble thanks for your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all living things. Receive these gifts that they might strengthen our witness to your love and hope. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

*HYMN 725 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

NYLAND

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Choral"

Joseph Jongen

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth Moser, wife of Jim Moser.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with all those who are living with cancer.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Rob White Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist
Maya and Patty Molina..... Acolytes
Clive Daunton, Bob Eames, Alison Gray,
Maryjane Link, Betsey Wheeler..... Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger,
Jim Pochodylo, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers..... Ushers
Deacons Parish C (Orange)..... Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday October 14 and 21, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Telling God's Story in Genesis 1-11," led by Mark Brummitt, Professor of Old Testament, CRCDS.

Living in the Word

Sunday Oct 14 and 21: *Living in the Word* will meet with Sunday Seminar.

Focus on Stewardship



In preparation for Stewardship Sunday (November 18), we will enjoy hearing stories from church members about the value of this community of faith. This morning Kay Ramsay shares a story about a guest of the Food Cupboard. Please remember this important ministry and the breadth of Third Church's Outreach programs as you consider your pledge for 2019.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, October 15, 6:45pm Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class! All levels welcome.

Thursday Voices

Thursdays in Johnston Hall at 12:00pm

October 18: from *The Cloister Walk*, by Kathleen Norris, led by John Wilkinson

October 25: from *The Yellow Leaves* by Frederick Buechner, led by John Wilkinson

Visits for Sharing and Listening

During the fall, friends and members of the Stewardship Committee will be continuing a visitation project begun last year. The purpose of the meetings is to gather stories and feedback about Third Church and its place in our lives, and

to talk about supporting the future of the church.

The goal is, eventually over the course of several years, to have held one-on-one meetings with every member, couple, and family in the congregation.

In the next week, some of you will receive a letter explaining more about the program and asking for your participation. Everyone's input is valuable, but not everyone will be reached this fall—those who do not get a letter now will be reached at a later date. Thank you for supporting this effort!

Exploring Membership Luncheon – TODAY

12:00pm in Johnston Hall

If you are new to Third Church we invite you to join the Exploring Membership Luncheon **today** at 12:00pm. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, and meet other folks new to this place. Our conversation is informal, and emphasizes the many ways to connect. Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm. For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or can be arranged at another mutually convenient time.

All Officers Dinner

Tuesday, October 16, 6:00pm Celebration Center

Session, Trustees and Deacons, remember that we will gather this Tuesday for our all officer dinner and retreat. Be sure to watch the video beforehand, posted in your board team drive. Be in touch with John Wilkinson if you have questions.

Riverside Neighbors Gathering at ROC SALT Center

**October 18, 2018, 6:00pm-8:30pm
68 Ashland (at Averill)**

All ages welcome for dinner, tours and presentations!

Join us to learn first-hand about this new presbytery mission initiative supported extensively by Third Church. At ROC SALT, gathering in community lies at the heart of everything we do.

Whether serving with our partner organizations to address issues of hunger, homelessness and poverty; enjoying a concert or lecture in our beautiful sanctuary; providing food to our neighbors through our South Wedge Food Program; or participating in a retreat or immersive learning experience, we seek to know one another, celebrating what is best about our community and working together to re-imagine the places where we have left some neighbors behind.

Come. See what it's all about! Also visit rocsaltcenter.org.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks, lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106.

Children's Sabbath Weekend

October 19-21

Third Church members will have the opportunity to participate with The Children's Agenda and other congregations in this fall's Children's Interfaith Weekend events October 19-21. 2018's advocacy focus is: "Children Can't Wait: Early services lead to healthy development."

New this year is a communitywide event sponsored by The Children's Agenda:

Celebration of RCSD Students in Excellence

Sunday, October 21, 1-4pm

East High School Auditorium

Youth Performances, Exhibits, Refreshments

Please help fulfill our baptismal mandate to care for all children in our community by participating!

Sacred Conversations on Race and ACTION

Saturday October 20 and 27, 9:00am – 1:00pm

We invite you to join in a facilitated conversation, along with others from the Presbytery's Riverside Neighborhood, called "Sacred Conversations on Race and ACTION." We will discuss the causes of racism's destructive force and develop action plans to address racism in our community. The facilitators are part of Rochester ACTS which is a faith-based community development/organizing group. It is a two-part presentation – the first on **Saturday October 20, 9am to 1pm at ROC SALT Center (corner of Ashland and Averill), and the second on Saturday October 27, 9am to 1pm at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church.** It is important to understand the commitment is to attend both sessions. It will be limited to 20 participants.

If you would like to attend please e-mail Tom Upton at tusma@rit.edu. Please respond no later than October 13. For further information, contact John Wilkinson (jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org).

The Least of These: Engaging Presbyterians in the Work of Poverty Alleviation

**Saturday, October 27, 2018 9:00am – 12:00pm
Johnston Hall**

Led by Alonzo Johnson and Margaret Mwale

Please join us to examine the intersectional aspects of poverty, race, and privilege in the US context and how it affects us all. Attention will be given to issues such as living wages, homelessness, education, healthcare, mass incarceration and how each intersects with race, class and gender. The workshop will also equip participants with strategies to engage the issues in their local communities through direct action and advocacy. It will also include an activity designed to encourage participants to interact with each other and interface with the issues of poverty in America. Alonzo Johnson is the Coordinator for the Self-Development of People Program (SDOP). Margaret Mwale is Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations with the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People. To RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks (lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext 106).

Living Waters Worship

Monday, October 29, 7:00pm, Chapel

Join us for this service of worship focusing on All Saints, where we will remember Third Church members who have died in the past year and any and all loved ones who have gone before us. All are welcome for this meaningful service.

Grocery Run Registration T-Shirt Deadline



Register for the Grocery Run today in coffee hour and get your really cool cotton t-shirt on the spot. Or register online at www.groceryrun.org and receive your t-shirt at packet pickup.

Church members can use the discount code 4Meigs when registering online.

Must register by midnight tonight to receive a t-shirt!

Volunteers are needed on race day to greet, direct people to parking lots, answer questions, serve snacks at the after party, hand out water bottles, keep runners safe on the course, etc. If you're willing to help, we have a job for you!

Contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com and let her know how you can help.

All volunteers should plan to meet after church on October 28 for a quick briefing of duties, and to get your volunteer shirt, if needed. Thank you!

Elvis to Elton

**Friday November 9, 6:00pm-8:30pm,
Celebration Center**

For those age 60 and over! You are invited to take part in the fun and fellowship, and to enjoy great food at this dinner. Enjoy the entertaining program, "Down Under," presented by Bob Crumrine. Just bring a dish to pass (based on your last name: A - G main dish, H - R dessert; S - Z salad). The event is free. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Woodard at 381-4427 or email ElizWoodard@Rochester.rr.com.

Would You Like to be a Liturgist?

Would you like to be a reader at the 10:45am service? We are beginning to make the liturgist schedule for the new year and would love to welcome a few new readers.

Please email pastoral administrator Emily Blecksmith at eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org if you have questions or would like to sign up.

Tables and Chairs Available

We are looking to find new homes for a collection of surplus tables and chairs. They include small half-moon tables, student size chairs and a few 8 foot tables as well.

If you have an interest, please contact John Pilato, jpilato@thirdpresbyterian.org or Becky D'Angelo-Veitch rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Wifi Password

If you would like to connect to the "TPC-Guest" network, the password is "WelcometoThird!"

Please note the password is case-sensitive.

The upgrade in wireless signal strength is part of the overall technology upgrade taking place here at Third Church.

Help Us Build Community on Social Media

Calling all Facebook friends! If you haven't yet, please like and follow the Third Presbyterian Church Facebook page and *also* join the Third Church Community Facebook group. Because Facebook is such a powerful tool for ministry in the digital age, we are launching a more intentional presence on the platform to reach more people.

Now you have more opportunities to engage, reflect, and share than ever before. Updates to Third Church's Twitter and Instagram feeds will be next. Join us online at handle [@ThirdChurchROC](https://twitter.com/ThirdChurchROC).

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

Third Church Has Mobile and Online Giving

Donating has never been easier! Visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on the "Give" tab on the right under the banner at the top of the page, and select "Give Online." From there you will find several ways to make a gift, whether it's recurring or one-time only.

On your mobile device, 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.

Where are the Windows?

You may notice two stained glass windows are missing from the sanctuary. Fear not! They have been removed temporarily for repair and restoration and will be returning soon.

Contributions to the James P. Chisholm Stained Glass Fund are supporting this endeavor. We take seriously our responsibility to preserve the beauty of our historic building, and look forward to enjoying the windows again when they are reinstalled in the fall.

Name Tags

If you would like to order a name tag, please contact the church office. We will place another order soon.

Food Cupboard Needs Your Support Once Again!

Thank you to everyone who faithfully brought jars of peanut butter for our Food Cupboard. Our shelves are well stocked again. We would appreciate your continuing help with **BOXES OF CEREAL**.

Support Third Church When You Shop at Amazon

Amazon Associates is a program which pays referral fees to Third Church when an Amazon customer accesses amazon.com through the Third Church website.

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 or a handicap license plate, 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.