

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

May 14, 2023 10:00 AM

 *Invites the congregation to stand, as able*

Bold Text is spoken in unison by the congregation



The Sanctuary main floor is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired

We are happy you are here this morning!

Third Reformed Church celebrates the gospel of Jesus as the way God moves people from exclusion to embrace by grace through faith. As a gospel community we are fully inclusive of all people who seek to know, love, and follow Jesus in a life of faith regardless of race, class, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip Bliss

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed the word of the Lord, saying:

“Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,
my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.

**I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.**

He will not wrangle or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

He will not break a bruised reed
or quench a smoldering wick
until he brings justice to victory.

And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **20**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we seek your grace
for things we have done that we ought not do,
and things we have left undone which you have called us to do.

Time for silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayers.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL OFFERING

You Say

Lauren Daigle

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Blessing

Congregation: **May the Lord bless you as you worship and learn.**

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Dismiss

The people offer a sign of peace to one another

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Romans 5:1-11 (*NT pg. 135*)

MESSAGE

Mother's Day

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☒ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional Irish Hymn

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

...ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the hymnal cover)

☒ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *My Friends May You Grow in Grace* Timothy Meaney

☒ BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE *Jupiter* Gustav Holst

If you brought an offering this morning, please put it in an offering plate on the tables in the narthex. Offerings may also be mailed to the church or made online at: <https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/give/online>.

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are the Rev. Jeffrey Petersen, Senior Pastor;
Scott VanderLeek, liturgist;
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;
McKenna Coleman, Abby Kelly, and Ella Robrahn, trio;
Children's Choir under the direction of Pam Lockwood;
Praise Team;
Walt Lockwood, audio technician;
and Anne DiVitto, visual technician.*



ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

The book of Hebrews calls hope, “a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.” Our worship series in the season after Easter, “Anchor of the Soul,” is all about hope. What is genuine hope rooted in the gospel? How is hope different than optimism? How do we maintain hope in a world filled with suffering, division, and despair? What happens when we lose hope? What is the great big Hope that all our smaller hopes and dreams point to? We’ll explore all these questions and more for six weeks starting April 16. -Pastor Jeffrey

Date	Text	Title
April 16	Hebrews 6:13-20	Anchor of the Soul
April 23	Psalm 62	Hope In the Mire
April 30	Ezekiel 37	Our Hope Is Lost
May 7	Acts 26:1-8	On Account of Hope
May 14	Romans 5:1-11	Mother’s Day
May 21	1 Corinthians 13	One that remains

If you have missed any of this series on hope, you can catch up on our YouTube channel at [Third Reformed Church YouTube Channel](#)

ARE YOU VISITING?

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out a “visitor card,” found in each pew, and leave it in an offering plate, or give it to our pastor. Be sure to join us following the service in the fellowship hall for coffee or punch and a sweet treat!

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (May 14)

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	Chuck and Karen VanderMeulen, Gussie Farris
Liturgist:	Scott VanderLeek
Coffee and Cookies:	Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (May 21)

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Coffee and Cookies:	Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

May 28	Outdoor Worship
June 4	Rog and Jane Bolhouse and The Wilford Family
June 11	Joyce Bengelink, Mary Cook, Barb Struik, Esther Woudenberg
June 18	The Inhulsen Family, Brandon Slomp



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will be celebrating our 2023 graduates NEXT Sunday, May 21.

They are:

Rylan Kelly (Jenison High School)
2890 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

William Kent (Forest Hills Northern)
4443 Cloverleaf Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Averi Slomp (Forest Hills Central)
991 Dogwood Meadows Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301

Elle Nichols (Central Michigan University)
3800 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the De Looff Family following the recent passing of Art's older brother, Gerard "Jerry" De Looff. Jerry lived in Bibleville, Texas and was 89 years-old, just 3 months shy of turning 90. Like Art, Jerry was a very talented carpenter and according to Art literally "built his house on the rock." There will be a memorial service at Jenison Bible Church with the date and time TBD. Art and Maxine's address: 2900 Appleleaf Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
- Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, John Gorsky (Lisa Roskiewicz's dad) Bonnie Kovacs, Len Nagel, Roger Ritsema, Leon and Kathy Siekman, Sandy Swan, and Joan Vila.
- Please take time this week to pray for the missionaries we support through the RCA: Ahuas Clinic/Doctors – Honduras, Nathan and Nozomi Brownell – Japan, Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly – Nicaragua, our missionaries in the Netherlands, and Brian and Donna Renes – USA.

If you are in need of prayer or know of someone who is, or if would like to receive prayer requests via the prayer chain, please contact Paula Boeve or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.

We are very thankful for Paula's care and steadfastness in handling the prayer ministry. She is always ready to receive our prayer requests and quick to post them. Thank you, Paula! You can either call her @ 616.581.5459 or email her at psvsboo@aol.com.

NEW ADDRESS for Ruth De Vries: 556 Fennessy St SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534



NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

We collected 201 lb of sugar in April for the Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated! We are now collecting canned tomatoes (whole or diced) and canned mixed vegetable, which we will collect through May. Please leave your donation on the table in the entrance area (near the church mailboxes).

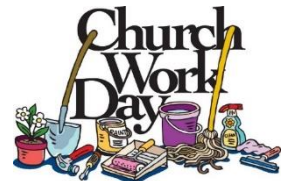
In June, we will be collecting tomato sauce in jars i.e. Prego or Ragu or similar.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
May 14	Children's Worship Offered Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	6:00 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
May 15		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
May 16	Classis Executive Committee Meeting	11:30 AM
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
May 17	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
May 18	Ele's Place Program	6:15 PM
	Young Adult Game Night @ House Rules 404 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids	6:30 – 8:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service – Graduate Recognition Sunday	10:00 AM
May 21	Children's Worship Offered 5/6 th Grade Youth Group MS/HS Youth Group	6:00 PM 6:00 PM

CHURCH CLEAN UP!

On Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 12 pm, please join us as we respect our building and grounds by coming together as a community to upkeep and clean. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please bring some of your own interior and/or exterior supplies/tools. This may include powerwashers, extension ladders, gardening tools, window cleaning supplies, etc. Pizza will be served following the effort! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Connections Center so we have an idea of how many pizzas to buy. Contact Jason Vanderploeg @ 517.803.3266 with any questions or concerns.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Nursery and Little Lambs is provided for our little ones, from birth through 3-years-old. A great big thank you to Trisha Robrahn for taking care of our little ones this morning! [Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#)

Children and Worship – Our children, ages 4 years (must be 4 by Sept. 2022) through 4th grade, will be invited to dismiss to their own worship space. The children can be picked up following the service in the Children's Wing (east side of the building).

Children's Worship Volunteers Today (May 14)

LEVEL 1

Allison Teitsma

LEVEL 2

Special Helper: Cody Gebhart

Barb Teitsma and Leah Robrahn
Special Helper: Maggie Vanderploeg

Children's Worship Volunteers Next Sunday (May 21)

LEVEL 1

Allison Teitsma

LEVEL 2

Special Helper: Maren Morris

Barb Teitsma and Leah Robrahn
Special Helper: Vivienne Vanderploeg



VBS
July 24 – 27, 2023
9 – 11:30 am

**For all kids 3 years old (preschool)
through entering 7th grade!**

Click here to [register for VBS 2023 at Third Reformed Church](#),
or call the church office @ 616.458.3089 during business hours.



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**A community of Christ's disciples,
and the presence of Christ to our neighbors.**

YOUR 2022/2023 CONSISTORY

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