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# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

May 21, 2023 10:00 AM

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 *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

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Michael Burkhardt

Wilbur Held

*The Solid Rock*

Robert Powell

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in this place to worship,  
**because Jesus invites us to come!**

We come as we are,  
with our faith and our doubts,  
with our successes and our failures,

**because Jesus invites us to come!**

We come with what we have,  
bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

**because Jesus invites us to come.**

**Let us Worship God!**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **517**

*The Solid Rock*

SOLID ROCK

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Creator and Sustainer,  
today we will not hide our wrong doings from you.

**We confess that we have left vows unfinished,  
good purposes forgotten,  
opportunities left unfulfilled,  
and duties unmet.**

We have spoken impatiently or unkindly,  
and done ungenerous things.

**We have desired what we should not,  
and lived for things that will die.**

**We have ignored you, who are our life and peace.**

In your mercy forgive us.

Show us compassion and heal us.

Remind us of your Hope.

**Set us anew on your path,  
and help us to hear your voice.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Reckless Love*

Cory Asbury

## 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

1 Corinthians 13 (NT pg. 153)

MESSAGE

*One that Remains*

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL ANTHEM

*How Majestic is Our God*

arr. Dennis Allen

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**Rylan Kelly** – Jenison High School

**William Kent** – Forest Hills Northern High School

**Averi Slomp** – Forest Hills Central High School

**Elle Nichols** – Central Michigan University

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*The Blessing*

Kari Jobe Carnes

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Michael Burkhardt

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;  
Grace Kent and Ben VanderLeek, liturgists;  
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;  
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music; Praise Team;  
Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins;  
Emma Christy, audio technician; Eli Petersen, visual technician;  
and Bruce Klanderma, organist.*

## **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 cake!

## **ADULT 2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR**

Today we will hear from our own members about our local mission partners, their volunteer efforts there, and opportunities for service. Join us as we hear about good things being done (by our members and others) at Mel Trotter, North End Community Ministry, and East Leonard Elementary. We will meet in the youth room from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm.

There will be no 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour next week (May 28) because of the Memorial Day weekend. In two weeks (June 4), Karen Dean will share her faith story with us during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour.



## **OUR GRADUATES**

**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

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER**

Weather permitting, we will be worshipping on the front lawn on May 28, July 2 and September 3. Please remember to bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket to sit on! We will simply move into the sanctuary if it is not suitable outdoors for worship.

## **NEW CONSISTORY AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Please mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11 immediately following the service. The main focus of this meeting will be to draw names for new consistory members. Here at Third we use a double slate, which means that there are four elder nominees and four deacon nominees to fill two vacancies for each role. After praying for the process, we will draw two elder names and two deacon names at our meeting to serve 3-year terms beginning in July.

We will also take time to reflect on the gifts shared of those leaving consistory, a reminder to us that God is leading us into the future. We'd like to thank the outgoing consistory members for their 3 years of service and commitment to following God's teachings and to the members of Third Reformed. Outgoing members are: Elder Michael Christy, Elder Chris Fann, Deacon Jamie DeKorte and Deacon Anne DiVitto.

Below is the slate for new consistory members:

### Elder

Paul Boelkins

Deb Roden

Windy Schnelker

Melissa VanderLeek

### Deacon

Marc Coleman

Ryan De Korte

Allison Klinck

Karen VanderMeulen

## **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

- "Third Reformed Members, your kindness and sympathy are deeply appreciated. Thank you for all the prayers and cards. It meant a lot to me and my family." -Dee Scully
- 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.

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.

Prayer chain contact: Paula Boeve @ 616.581.5459 or [psvsboo@aol.com](mailto:psvsboo@aol.com)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

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TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
May 21	Children's Worship Offered	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour Education (Sunday School for All Ages)	11:30 AM
	MS/HS Youth Group	6:00 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
May 22		
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM
May 23	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Consistory Meeting	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
May 24		7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
May 25		
SUNDAY	Outdoor Worship Service	10:00 AM
May 28		

### 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! Please let us know if you plan to participate. Sign up sheet is in the Connections Center. Contact Jason Vanderploeg @ 517.803.3266 with any questions or concerns.

### NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

There's still time to donate to the Food Pantry this month, if you haven't already. We are collecting canned tomatoes (whole or diced) and canned mixed vegetables 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.

## TACOS, TREATS, TRAILS



Do you like Tacos? Do you like ice cream? Do you like walking or biking on the White Pine Trail? Join your friends from church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in June (6/20), July (7/18) and August (8/15) at Ron and Tammy Schollaart's home in Belmont, which is on the White Pine Trail. The fun starts at 5:30 pm. Tacos and sides will be provided. Bring your own beverage, bike or walking shoes. The ice cream shop is .75 mile from the Schollaart's home. There may be a corn hole tourney as well! Mark your calendars to come on all or at least one of the dates! Sign up in the Connections Center.

## NURSERY AND LITTLE LAMBS (TODDLER ROOM)

We provide care during worship for our little ones, from birth through 3-years-old. A great big thank you to Tammy Schollaart 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21)

LEVEL 1

Allison Teitsma

Special Helper: Maren Morris

LEVEL 2

Barb Teitsma and Leah Robrahn

Special Helper: Vivienne Vanderploeg



## VBS

July 24 – 27, 2023 from 9 – 11:30 am

For all kids 3 years old (preschool) through entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade!

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



# Third Reformed Church

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

## **YOUR 2022/2023 CONSISTORY**

### **ELDERS**

Kirk Breukink, Vice President  
Michael Christy  
Chris Fann  
Walt Lockwood  
Ron Schollaart  
Barb Teitsma

### **DEACONS**

Anne DiVitto, Assistant Treasurer  
Mark Dietrich, Chair of Deacons  
Jamie De Korte, Clerk  
Ben Maddox  
Brandon Slomp  
Jason Vanderploeg

### **PRESIDENT**

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

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Ron Schollaart

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