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## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

June 11, 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

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Hebrew Melody

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **60** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION


Good and gracious God,  
we come before you with humble hearts and open minds.

**We long to go where you send us,  
do what you call us to,  
and say what you would have us say,  
but all too often our intentions and our efforts fall short.  
Have mercy on us.**

Good and gracious God,  
we come before you with humble hearts and open minds.  
**We long to be transformed by the renewing of our minds,  
so we can see the world, and others within it, as you see them:  
Beloved, belonging, and worthy of love.**

**Have mercy on us and grant us grace to grow more and more  
into the likeness and image of the embodiment of your love,  
Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Amy Grant  
Fernando Ortega

## 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

Genesis 12:1-9 (OT pg. 9)

### MESSAGE

*It's A Journey*

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **532** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

### PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Benediction* Matt Redman

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Siyahamba* Zulu Melody

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;  
Jason Crow, liturgist; Elder Walt Lockwood;  
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;  
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music; Praise Team;  
Tyler Nichols, Lead Audio and Visual Technician; and Emma Christy, projectionist.*

## **NURSERY AND LITTLE LAMBS (TODDLER ROOM)**

We provide care during worship for our little ones, from birth through 3-years-old.

[Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#)

## **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.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS**

### **TODAY (June 11)**

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	Mary Cook, Barb Struik, Esther Woudenberg
Coffee and Cookies:	Laura Blauw and Karen Dean

### **NEXT WEEK (June 18)**

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	The Inhulsen Family, Brandon Slomp
Liturgist:	Scott VanderLeek
Coffee and Cookies:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>

### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

June 25	Andy and Brenda Bruinsma, Dave and Paige Hendrickson
July 2	Outdoor Worship – No Greeters
July 9	Chad and Tiffany Van Dam

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

We will have a Congregational Meeting today immediately following the service. The main focus of this meeting is to draw names for new consistory members and to thank the outgoing consistory members for their service and commitment to following God’s teachings and to the members of Third Reformed.

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

There be no 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour this morning because of the Congregational Meeting. Next week (June 18) we will begin our Sermon and Scripture Reflection series for the summer.

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER**

Weather permitting, we will be worshipping on the front lawn on July 2 and September 3.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

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TODAY June 11	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered Congregational Meeting Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	10:00 AM   Following Worship 6:00 PM
MONDAY June 12	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
TUESDAY June 13	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop Staff Meeting Worship Planning Meeting Elder Meeting	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY June 14	Women's Summer Fellowship at Porter Hills (See announcement below for further details.) Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	10:00 AM  12:30 PM
THURSDAY June 15	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
FRIDAY June 16	Church Office Closed	
SUNDAY June 18	Worship Service – Father's Day Adult Ed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP / JUNE 11 – 18

Our 2023 Youth Mission Trip is now underway! The group departed this morning at 7:30 am and is en route to Altoona, PA to serve families and ministries in need through hands-on projects. We did pray with them early this morning before their departure, but do please keep them in your thoughts and prayers this week as they do the hard work of being the hands and feet of Jesus.

2023 Youth Mission Trip Participants: Keith Boeve, Amy Breukink, Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Diego Barnaby, Josie Breukink, Lucas Bruno, Grace Kent, Jayden Kortenhoven, Joshua Kortenhoven, Asher Petersen, Eli Petersen, Abby Schnelker, Ben Vanderleek, and Jordan Wilford.

## **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

- Please continue to pray for Emily Van Heukelom who is recovering from right arm/wrist surgery on Friday, June 2 following a biking accident on Memorial Day Weekend. Emily reports that her first surgery went well. She is asking for continued prayers for good and thorough healing, so that she can retain the full use of her hand. A second surgery is being planned for late August. The family would also like to thank everyone who has lifted them up in prayer and helped out the last couple of weeks.
- “Thank you for your prayers, I know it helped with the quick response. Thank you so much Pastor Olivia for your visits and prayers. They meant so much to Beverly, Lucas and I. Please pray for us as we negotiate new daily life changes.” -Martha Katt
- 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 pray that Ava Coleman, Tommy VanderLeek, Ben and Eli Wicks, and Sam Wilford be filled with Christ’s love while attending Camp Geneva this week (6-12 through 6-17).
- 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 @ 616.581.5459 or [psvsboo@aol.com](mailto:psvsboo@aol.com), or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.

## **CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER THIS SUMMER**

We are thankful for the Schollaart’s, the Wygmans’ and the ladies of church who have invited us to connect with one another this summer (see opportunities below). It is our hope that other folks in our congregation will follow suit and plan a fun event for everyone. Call the church office or contact Lisa Roskiewicz @ 616.262.7037 if you have something planned! Lisa will work on a running list of events and get communication out to the church community 😊

## **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.

## **GAMES AT THE FARM**

Save the date of July 29 for our annual "Games at the Farm" outing. Look for details to follow about this afternoon and evening event for all ages. -David Wygmans

## **INVITE FOR ALL WOMEN**

The ladies from the "Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study," which meets during the schoolyear, invite you to join them on Wednesday, June 14 @ 10 am. This will be just a time for fellowship and connection, no studying. The gathering will be at Porter Hill at the "pond pavilion" (which you will spot as soon as you pull your car in). There will be coffee and tea and light snacks. Please let us know if you will be coming by signing up in the Connections Center or calling the church office. The address to Porter Hills is: 3602 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

## **CRAFT/QUILT GROUP WORKSHOP**

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, quilting, etc., especially when you are with others who are likeminded? Pack up whatever you are working on at home and come join us this Tuesday (June 13) and on June 27, July 11, August 8 and August 22 from 9:30 am – 12 pm. This group meets in the drama room. Be sure to bring your sewing machine too if you require it.

## **NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

**FOOD PANTRY:** We are collecting tomato sauce in jars i.e. Prego or Ragu or similar through June. There is a table in the "gathering space" or space by the church mailboxes for donations. You may also make a monetary donation, which can be put in the white mailbox on the food donation table. In July, we will be collecting raisins, canned pineapple, canned peaches and canned fruit cocktail.

**SUPPER HOUSE:** We are scheduled to serve at the Supper House on Tuesday, July 11. We are in need of volunteers to serve supper from 4:45 – 6:30 pm at St. Alphonsus Parish (224 Carrier St NE, Grand Rapids). No experience is required. Is it time for you to give it a try or jump back in? Sign up at the Connections Center, or speak with Keith Boeve if you have any questions.

## SUMMER CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Join us for 6 weeks this summer during worship on Sunday  
as we **keep cool** when things **get hot!**  
For all kids 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade!



Lava Lava Luau is our worship theme as we learn what God says about controlling our emotion! 2 Timothy 1:7 says "God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves."

Dates: June 11; July 9, 16; and August 13, 20  
On the Sundays that we do not have children's worship,  
worship bags are available for kids in the narthex.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24 – 27 from 9 – 11:30 am (with an evening carnival on the 27<sup>th</sup>)  
For all kids 3 years old (preschool) through entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade!



Join us for a STELLAR VBS this summer as we shine a light on Jesus' love! Kids will launch on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun! Each day at Stellar VBS, kids launch into field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. We can't wait to see you for this summer's VBS!

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**

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*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105*

[Registration](#) for the **She is Called Women of the Bible, Volume 3 Summer Master Class** is officially open! This virtual Building God's Church Together resource is designed and led by women and men, and **all are welcome** as we engage with the authors themselves and a diverse group of like-hearted siblings in Christ.

**Each Thursday, from July 6th through August 31st, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Eastern time**, we will meet via Zoom for [an interactive Bible study](#) to explore the stories of biblical women, deepen our understanding of the Biblical texts and share personal inspiration and insights. For some, this will be the chance to be better equipped to lead this study in your faith community. A unique component of this series is that each chapter's author or editor will facilitate their corresponding session.

To order your Volume 3 print edition (available in English and Spanish) or access the free digital chapters, visit [Faithward.org/women-of-the-bible-study-series](https://faithward.org/women-of-the-bible-study-series). **Be sure to allow 1.5–2 weeks for delivery** of the print copies.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend some or all of these study sessions. Please invite others in your circle to participate!

[Registration](#)

Questions, please contact us at [women@rca.org](mailto:women@rca.org).

Together on the Journey,

Rev. Liz Testa and Rev. April Fiet  
Women's Transformation and Leadership