

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

June 18, 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Dale Wood

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Everlasting God

Brenton Brown

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,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The people offer a sign of peace to one another

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **384**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Genesis 18:1-15 (*OT pg. 13*)

MESSAGE

This Doesn't Add Up

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

May The Lord

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

J. Bert Carlson

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;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Praise Team;
Walt Lockwood and Eli Petersen, audio and visual technicians;
and Bruce Klanderman, organist.*



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 Holly Crow for taking care of our little ones this morning!

[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 18)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Inhulsen Family, Brandon Slomp

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

NEXT WEEK (June 25)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Andy and Brenda Bruinsma,

Dave and Paige Hendrickson

Liturgist:

Les/Liz Coleman

Coffee and Cookies:

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

July 2

Outdoor Worship – No Greeters

July 9

Chad and Tiffany Van Dam

July 16

Dick and Mary Welscott, Rog and Jane Bolhouse

ADULT ED 2nd HOUR

This morning we begin our Sermon and Scripture Reflection series for the summer. Come join us in the youth room @ 11:30 am. We will dismiss at 12:15 pm.

ROOM FOR ALL

Just over one year ago, Third adopted a new welcoming statement: “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.”

As part of our commitment to being an inclusive community, Third became a rostered congregation with [Room for All](#) (RfA), an organization that advocates for the welcome and full affirmation of all people within the Reformed Church in America. This allows people in the reformed tradition who are seeking an affirming church to find us more easily.

While inclusion isn’t *the* thing that defines Third, it is one important part of who God is calling us to be. As we head into the second year of our welcoming statement, we will continue to explore what it means to be truly inclusive, especially for LGBTQ people who have historically felt shut out of Christian community.

In the Connection Center, you’ll find buttons and waterproof stickers with this year’s RfA “retro pride” design. The stickers work great on water bottles, journal covers, or car windows. Feel free to take these as a way to let people in your life know you’re part of a faith community where there is truly room for all of God’s children!

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 Connection Center, or speak with Keith Boeve if you have any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
June 18	Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	11:30 AM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
June 19		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
June 20	Classis Executive Committee Meeting	11:30 AM
	Tacos, Treats, Trails at Schollaart's	5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
June 21		
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
June 22		
SATURDAY	Michigan Oaks Neighborhood Association Trash Day	8:00 AM – Noon
June 24		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
June 25	Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	11:30 AM

TACOS, TREATS, TRAILS – THIS TUESDAY

June 20 - Tacos, Trails & Treats @ the Schollaart's! It's not too late to sign up (or just show up - there will be plenty of food!). We will plan to eat around 5:30 pm (or whenever everyone is able to get there!). We'll plan to walk to Trailside Treats for dessert (we can also stage a car to bring you back to our house or you can drive yourself and leave from there!). It is a little over 1/2 mile walk on the flat & paved White Pine Trail. If you cannot make it this Tuesday, mark your calendars for July 18 and August 15 (you can come to all or whatever works for your schedule)! If you will be coming, please let Tammy know at 616.260.3675 (call or text) or tschollaart@comcast.net. Please bring your own beverage and \$ for ice cream. All the dinner food will be provided! Looking forward to seeing you this month or on the future dates! -Ron & Tammy Schollaart

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

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 4th 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: 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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.
- 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 McKenna Coleman, daughter of Marc and Brandy, be filled with Christ's love while attending Camp Geneva this week (6-19 through 6-24).
- 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 you would like to receive prayer requests via the prayer chain, please contact Paula Boeve @ 616.581.5459 or psvsboo@aol.com, or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.

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 in on June 27, July 11, August 8 and/or August 22 (all Tuesdays) 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.

CALLING ALL NEEDLEWORK CRAFTERS!

The focus for our craft display cabinet during the month of July is needlework arts (cross stitch, embroidery, latch hooking, needle point, etc.) and, we'd love to display some of your beautiful creations. Or, perhaps you have a cherished piece made by a loved one that you'd like to share. Either way, it would be wonderful to fill our cabinet with these treasures. Please bring your contribution to the church office before the end of June and be sure to attach your name and perhaps a little information about the piece. Then, check out the cabinet to see all the artwork on display. -Becky Gebhart



July 2023

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| July 1 | Christian Gebhart | July 11 | Nancy Zwart |
| July 1 | Lori Gebhart | July 12 | Deb Roden |
| July 2 | Kate Boelkins | July 13 | Leah Boelkins |
| July 3 | Grace Kent | July 14 | Keith Boeve |
| July 3 | Scott VanderLeek | July 16 | Kyler Teitsma |
| July 4 | Liz Coleman | July 17 | Chanda Kabot |
| July 4 | Kenzie Swiftney | July 17 | Allison Klinck |
| July 6 | Barb Struik | July 21 | Elizabeth Inulsen |
| July 7 | Cody Gebhart | July 22 | Martha Katt |
| July 7 | Gary Van Til | July 25 | Bernice Blauw |
| July 8 | Todd Tjoelker | July 28 | Ted Kabot |
| July 9 | Tyler Nichols | July 31 | Erin Teitsma |
| July 10 | Trisha Robrahn | | |

Happy Anniversary



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| July 1 | Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz |
| July 28 | Mike and Jennifer Kelly |



Third Reformed Church

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

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