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# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

June 25, 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

*Here I Am, Lord*

Dan Schutte

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Come, Thou Fount, Come, Thou King*

John Wyeth

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.**

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
**and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 23 (OT pg. 464)

MESSAGE

*But How Do You Know?*

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

*Take, O Take Me As I Am*

John Bell

Lyrics: *Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*May The Lord*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

Swedish Tune

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;  
Les/Liz Coleman, liturgist;  
the Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation;  
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;  
Praise Team;  
Tyler Nichols, Lead Audio and Visual Technician,  
and Noah Breukink, projectionist.*

## **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](#)

## **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 25)**

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	Dave and Paige Hendrickson
Liturgist:	Les/Liz Coleman
Coffee and Cookies:	Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

### **NEXT WEEK (July 2)**

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	Outdoor Worship – No Greeters
Coffee and Cookies:	Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

## **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

July 9	Chad and Tiffany Van Dam
July 16	Dick and Mary Welscott, Rog and Jane Bolhouse
July 23	The Schnelker Family, The Maddox Family

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

Weather permitting, we will be worshipping on the front lawn next Sunday, July 2. 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**

At our congregational meeting on June 11, Windy Schnelker and Melissa VanderLeek were selected as our new elders, and Marc Coleman and Karen VanderMeulen were selected as our new deacons. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin a three-year term serving on consistory. If you have any concerns, please bring them to Pastor Jeffrey or Vice President of Consistory, Kirk Breukink, by July 2. We also thank Paul Boelkins, Ryan De Korte, Allison Klinck, and Deb Roden, the other gifted nominees on our double slate who were willing to serve should their names have been drawn. Ordination and installation of our new elders and deacons will take place on July 23 during worship.

## **NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Pantry this month! We collected over 75 jars/cans of tomato/spaghetti sauce. Thank you to everyone who donated! July is here, and it is now time for us to collect raisins, canned pineapple, canned peaches and canned fruit cocktail. 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.

## **WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?**

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TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
June 25		11:30 AM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
June 26	Ele’s Place Summer Family Night	5:30 PM
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM - NOON
June 27	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
June 28		
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
June 29		
SUNDAY	Outdoor Worship Service	10:00 AM
July 2	Celebration of the Lord’s Supper	
	Adult Ed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	11:30 AM
	Meets in the Youth Room	

## **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 Wymans

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- 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, Emily Van Heukelom, and Joan Vila.
- Please pray that Asher Petersen, son of Jeffrey and Jen, be filled with Christ’s love while attending Camp Geneva this week (6-26 through 6-30).
- 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.

“**The Brownells** live in Yokohama, Japan and are serving youth and children in the area in partnership with Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan. Nathan teaches at an RCA-founded school. Nozomi recruits and trains volunteers for Children and Worship. And they both lead various programs at the Green House Youth Center. In a culture where adolescence can bring unbearable stress, their ministry is critical in creating Christ-centered environments of acceptance, forgiveness, and hope.”

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.

## 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 this Tuesday, June 27 from 9:30 am – 12 pm 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

## 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: 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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Kirk Breukink, Vice President  
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