

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 23, 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

Hymn

Liz Story

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
**All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

I Am

David Crowder

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for all we have done to displease you.
**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

Matthew 5:13-16 (NT pg. 4)

MESSAGE

Illuminating Lives

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 539

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF: Elder Windy Schnelker, Elder Melissa VanderLeek, Deacon Marc Coleman, Deacon Ryan De Korte, and Deacon Karen VanderMeulen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Benediction

Matt Redman

✠ POSTLUDE

Prelude In G Major

J.S. Bach

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;
Ava Coleman, liturgist;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Praise Team;
Tyler Nichols, Lead Audio and Visual Technician,
and Eli Petersen, projectionist.*

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM (LITTLE LAMBS)

We provide care during worship for our little ones, from birth through 3-years-old. The nursery and the toddler room are both located at the southwest end of the building (rooms 104 and 105) near the church office. 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 one of our pastors.

ADULT ED 2nd HOUR

This morning we continue our Sermon and Scripture Reflection series for the summer. Come join us in the youth room from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm. Bring your questions and thoughts.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (July 23)

Greeters:

The Schnelker Family, The Maddox Family

Coffee and Cookies:

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

NEXT WEEK (July 30)

Greeters:

Rob and Barb Teitsma, Allison Teitsma,

Josh and Erin Teitsma

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

August 6

Bill and Barb Hamlin, Ted and Nancy Zwart

August 13

Rog and Jane Bolhouse, Don and Deb VanEssen

August 20

Ron and Deb Roden, Dawn Muller

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS THIS WEEK!

It's not too late to register. We begin at 9:00 am and dismiss at 11:30 am. Invite your friends! Click here to [register for VBS 2023 at Third Reformed Church](#), or you can register tomorrow when you arrive.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY July 23	Worship Service Ordination/Installation of New Elders and Deacons Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
MONDAY July 24	Vacation Bible School	9:00 – 11:30 AM
TUESDAY July 25	Vacation Bible School Worship Planning Meeting	9:00 – 11:30 AM 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY July 26	Vacation Bible School	9:00 – 11:30 AM
THURSDAY July 27	Vacation Bible School VBS Carnival	9:00 – 11:30 AM 6:30 – 8:00 PM
SATURDAY July 29	“Games at the Farm” (see bulletin insert) Hosted by The Wygmans’ 9668 Bennett St SE, Lowell, MI 49331	Starts at 2:00 PM Supper at 6:00 PM
SUNDAY July 30	Worship Service Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM

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 **Tuesday, August 8** from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room.

The focus for our craft display cabinet this month is needlework arts. Be sure to make your way down the front hallway to see the beautiful display. The pieces in the cabinet were created by: Ruth DeVries, Becky Gebhart, Martha Katt, LaVona Riggs (Becky Gebhart’s mom), and Karen VandenBos.

AN INVITE FROM THE BAIRD'S

Bob and Ingrid Baird invite you to spend a day at their cottage on **Saturday, August 12** (weather permitting) from 2 pm until dusk. Bob and Ingrid will provide sloppy joes, s'mores, water and sparkling water. Please bring any other "types of beverages" you prefer. Their cottage is located on White Lake just an hour's drive from Grand Rapids. There are spots for 8 people in any configuration: Singles, couples or families. Sign up in the Connections Center or call/email the church office! Further information will be provided for those who can join us!

TACOS, TREATS, TRAILS

Come join the Schollaart's at their home in Belmont on **Tuesday, August 15** at 5:45 pm for another evening of fun. The dinner will be provided. (Wow! Thank you, Ron and Tammy.) Please bring your own beverage, and your bike or walking shoes if you plan to get ice cream following dinner. The Schollaart's live on the White Pine Trail and there is an ice cream shop just .75 mile from their home. Bring \$ for ice cream. Please sign up in the Connections Center or call/email the church office to let us know you are coming.

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, 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 @ 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.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

This month we are collecting 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. (In August, we will be collecting peanut butter.)



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

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