

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 9, 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

All Creatures Of Our God And King

arr. John Carter

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God!

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Oceans

Joel Houston

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So, we thank you and ask you for your forgiveness and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ave Maria

Bach-Gounod

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (*OT pg. 578*)

Philippians 1:9-11 (*NT pg. 173*)

MESSAGE

How the Church Tells Time

Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 272

The Trees of the Field

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Sonata in C

Domenico Scarlatti

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. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation;
Amy Breukink, liturgist;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Abby Schnelker, violinist;
Praise Team;
and Noah and Josie Breukink, visual and audio technicians.*

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.

SUMMER CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

All kids (age 4 through 4th grade) will be invited during worship today to go with our children’s ministry team to worship in their own space. “Lava Lava Luau” is our worship theme this summer. Kids will be taught what God says about controlling 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.” Please make your way to the children’s ministry wing on the southeast side of the building following worship to pick up your kids.

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 9)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Chad and Tiffany Van Dam

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (July 16)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Dick and Mary Welscott, Rog and Jane Bolhouse

Liturgist:

Ron Roden

Coffee and Cookies:

Karen Dean

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

July 23

The Schnelker Family, The Maddox Family

July 30

Rob and Barb Teitsma. Allison Teitsma,
Josh and Erin Teitsma

August 6

Bill and Barb Hamlin, Ted and Nancy Zwart

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Jeffrey is out of the office this week and will be returning on Tuesday, July 18. The Rev. Leonard McElveen will lead us in worship next Sunday, July 16. If you have any pastoral care needs this week, please reach out to Pastor Olivia @ 317.318.4175 or Vice President of Consistory Kirk Breukink @ 616.262.0014.

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. Ordination and installation of our new elders and deacons will take place on July 23 during worship.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below is a summary of the Income Statement as of May 31, 2023:

	May	YTD	Budget (5 months)	Actual-to-Budget
General Fund Giving	41,702	173,969	190,523	(16,554)
General Fund Expenses	<u>(46,726)</u>	<u>(178,892)</u>	<u>(190,523)</u>	<u>11,631</u>
Net General Fund Inc/(deficit)	(5,024)	(4,923)	0	(4,923)
Net Other Income/(Expenses)	<u>(596)</u>	<u>(12,669)</u>		
Total Net Income/(Loss)	(5,620)	(17,592)		

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY July 9	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
TUESDAY July 11	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop Staff Meeting Worship Planning Meeting Supper House @ St. Alphonsus Parish Elder Meeting	9:30 AM - NOON 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:45 – 6:30 PM 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY July 12	Women's Summer Fellowship Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	10:00 AM 12:30 PM
THURSDAY July 13	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
SUNDAY July 16	Worship Service w/Rev. Leonard McElveen Children's Worship Offered 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 this **Tuesday, July 11** 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.

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

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.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Supper House – We will be serving again at The Supper House this Tuesday, July 11. The Supper House is located at St. Alphonsus Parish, 224 Carrier St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. We serve from 4:45 – 6:30 pm. It’s easy and no experience is necessary. We act as wait staff in that we take drink orders and bring food and drink right to tables. We also bus tables and offer smiles and a kind conversation as we see to it that no one leaves hungry. This is a great opportunity to get involved in outreach. If you have questions, see or contact Keith Boeve @ 616.560.9429. There is a sign-up sheet in the Connections Center.

Food Pantry - Thank you to all who donated to the Food Pantry in June! We collected 101 jars/cans of tomato/spaghetti sauce. Thank you to everyone who donated! 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.

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.

“**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, or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.

NEW ADDRESS

Len Nagel “has moved to the beautiful new VA facility at 2950 Monroe NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. He is in Room #510 in the Lake Michigan section. We are so grateful to God for this miracle. And it truly was a miracle.” -Judy Nagel

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.

TEAMEffort MISSIONS

This past week we received two postcards from TEAMEffort Missions, the folks who worked with our youth during their mission trip last month (June 11 – 17) in Altoona, PA:

“Dear Third Reformed Church Family,
TEAMEffort wants to thank the church for sending your youth to serve with us on a mission trip last week. They were a great representation of your church and they worked incredibly hard on rebuilding a pavilion for local missionaries. We were so proud of them and know you are too! Specific lives were changed here in Altoona, PA because of the service from your youth. It was a joy to watch each of them grow relationally and spiritually throughout the week. The TEAMEffort staff thanks you for supporting your youth group on their summer mission trip. We enjoyed serving alongside them!” -Victoria, Crystal, Emily, Carrie

“Dear Third Reformed Church Youth Group,
We had an amazing time getting to serve with your group and getting to know you all better at camp last week. As a group, you all worked so hard on the mission site!! You should be proud of all you did for Scott and Twyla on the new pavilion roof you worked on! You made an impact that will last beyond your week of camp! The TEAMEffort staff thanks you for choosing to give up a week of your summer to make a difference in the life of someone else! We enjoyed serving alongside you!” -Crystal, Victoria, Emily, Carrie



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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