

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 13, 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

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

G.F. Handel

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We stand with the disciples at Caesarea Philippi and hear Jesus ask,
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

**Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**

Jesus asks them and us,

“But who do you say that I am?”

You are the Messiah,

The Son of the living God!

“Blessed are you, for flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.”

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Come, People of the Risen King

Getty and Townend

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God,

You call us to be apprentices in the ways of Christ,

to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

We acknowledge that we long to follow Jesus,

yet often end up disciples of other things.

We study at the feet of wealth and power,

and learn from those who promise success and influence.

We long to be experts at securing our own needs,

and masters of getting our own way.

Loving and gracious God,

help us hear your call anew.

Grant us grace and courage to set aside all our idols

and become faithful apprentices of the servant-hearted,

self-sacrificing, all embrace love of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL OFFERING

Daystar

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

John 13:1-17 (NT pg. 94)

MESSAGE

Of Christ's Disciples

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Mozart

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **576**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

✠ POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Don Wyrzten

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
and the Rev. Jen Petersen;
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Katie Lockwood, pianist;
Jane Bolhouse, soloist;
Praise Team;
Walt Lockwood, audio technician,
and Eli Petersen, visual technician.*

VISION STATEMENT

What are we talking about when we talk about what defines us as a congregation? This August we will revisit some familiar passages of scripture on an exploration of our church vision statement.

Date	Text	Title
August 6	Romans 12:9-21	A Community
August 13	John 13:1-17	Of Christ's Disciples
August 20	John 1:1-18	The Presence of Christ
August 27	Luke 10:25-37	To Our Neighbors

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 Bill and Barb Hamlin for taking care of our little ones this morning! [Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Join us today for our last worship of our summer series. We have learned that God can help us control our emotions and stay cool when things get hot! -Jen Kelly

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.

Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service, and for a cup of coffee or punch and a sweet treat.



“SUMMER” ADULT ED DURING 2nd HOUR

We will not be meeting this morning (August 13) or next week (August 20).

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (August 13)

AM Coordinator

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Rog and Jane Bolhouse, Don and Deb VanEssen

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (August 20)

AM Coordinator

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Ron and Deb Roden, Dawn Muller

Liturgist:

Margo Taylor

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

August 27

Jason and Holly Crow

September 3

Outdoor Worship – No Greeters

September 10

The VanderLeek Family, Ruth DeVries

September 17

John and Lori Gebhart, Becky Gebhart

September 24

Chuck and Karen VanderMeulen, Gussie Farris

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY August 13	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	10:00 AM 6:00 PM
MONDAY August 14	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
TUESDAY August 15	Staff Meeting Worship Planning Meeting Classis Executive Committee Meeting Tacos, Treats, Trails at the Schollaart's (see announcement below)	10:30 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:45 PM
Wednesday August 16	Women's Summer Fellowship Staff Meeting Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:30 PM
SATURDAY August 19	End of Summer Lock-in for 8-12 th Graders (see announcement below)	2:00 PM
SUNDAY August 20	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered	10:00 AM



TACOS, TREATS, TRAILS

August 15th - The LAST 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 5:45 (or whenever everyone is able to get there!). We'll plan to walk (or not.. and just hangout) to

Trailside Treats for dessert (we will 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 (one way) on the flat, shaded & paved White Pine Trail. You can also bike it! We have loved seeing "repeat guests" - Keep on Coming and if you haven't been yet - please come! 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! -Ron & Tammy Schollaart

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Calling all educators, support staff, and students! Bring your backpack or work bag to worship next Sunday, August 20 to receive a blessing over the upcoming 2023-24 school year! Children will then dismiss for a special back-to-school worship.



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 22** from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room.

SAVE THE DATES

- Weather permitting, on **Sunday, September 3** we will be worshipping on the front lawn. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on in preparation to worship and praise our God in this very special setting.
- On **Sunday, September 10**, worship will be followed by a church picnic to kick off the fall season here at Third. Further details about the picnic are coming soon...
- **Sunday, September 17** we begin our fall year for Sunday school, or what we call 2nd Hour. There is something for all ages during this 45-minute time period. We meet from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, following worship and a time of fellowship. Listen for the bell, which we ring when it is time to disperse to our designated rooms.
- On **Wednesday, September 20**, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Community Life will be hosting a dinner. This is an “all church event” and is for everyone. Following dinner you will have the opportunity to participate in a fun planned activity (soon to be announced).

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

Each month we have been collecting specifically requested items by NECM, and this has been very successful and much appreciated. This month we are collecting jars of peanut butter. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! 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. Next month (September) we will be collecting cereal, including oatmeal in canisters.

End of Summer Lock-In



Who: 8th-12th Graders

When: August 19th

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 a.m.

What to bring?

Sleeping bag, pillow, pj's, change of clothes for church, bible, snack to share, any and all nerf guns you own + ammo. (If you do not own any...I have some!)

What are we going to do?

Well, first, a person from our church needs our help. Sandy Swan. She is having a hard time caring for her plants, filling her bird feeders, and cleaning her carpet. So at 2:00 p.m. we will head over to help her out and brighten her day.

When we get back to the church... Shenanigans! Aka: Games (indoor/outdoor and table), One Epic Nerf Gun Capture the Flag Game, Mario Kart on the Big Screen, Midnight worship, Chill time, Artsy Stuff, Movie, and of course, Food!

PLEASE RSVP by Aug 16th so I can make sure we have enough cars for transport/food to eat/etc.



Rev Liv: Olivia@thirdreformedchurchgr.org

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Third Reformed Church

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

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