
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan
August 6, 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Franz Joseph Haydn

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

I Am

David Crowder

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Heavenly Father,

We acknowledge that we your children
sometimes struggle to live and love with grace.

**We do not always love you with all we possess,
and we do not always love our neighbor,
or our siblings in faith, as ourselves.**

Time for silent prayer

-Prayer cont'd on next page

Gracious God, Heavenly Father,
Remind us that we belong to you,
which means we belong to each other.

**Forgive us our sin, and show us your grace,
so that we may be gracious with ourselves, and each other.**

Call us to your table, and meet each of our needs.

**Then send us out to repair what is broken, forgive what is harmful,
and build a community of grace and truth
that makes room for all your children.**

In Jesus' precious name,

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Knowing You

Graham Kendrick

✠ 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

Romans 12:9-21 (*NT pg. 142*)

MESSAGE

A Community

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Table of Plenty
(see bulletin insert)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty . . .

. . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name.

-Sung-

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to thee

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Most righteous God . . .

. . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray . . .

. . . Even so, **come Lord Jesus!**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Higher Ground

Charles Gabriel

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,
Erin Teitsma, liturgist;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Praise Team;
Tyler Nichols, Lead Audio and Visual Technician;
and Noah Breukink, 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.

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.



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. We will not be meeting on August 13 and 20.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (August 6)

AM Coordinator

Greeters:

Coffee and Cookies:

Bill Davidson

Bill and Barb Hamlin, Ted and Nancy Zwart

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (August 13)

AM Coordinator

Greeters:

Liturgist:

Coffee and Cookies:

Bill Davidson

Rog and Jane Bolhouse, Don and Deb VanEssen

Rev. Jen Petersen

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

August 20

Ron and Deb Roden, Dawn Muller

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 6	Worship Service Celebration of the Lord's Supper Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
MONDAY August 7	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
TUESDAY August 8	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop Worship Planning Meeting Elder Meeting	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM
Wednesday August 9	Staff Meeting Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes Ele's Place Facilitator Training	10:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM
SUNDAY August 13	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	10:00 AM 6:00 PM

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

AN INVITE FROM THE BAIRD'S

Bob and Ingrid Baird invite you to spend a day at their cottage this **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 – FOOD PANTRY

In July, we collected 101 cans/containers of raisins, pineapple, peaches, and fruit cocktail. Thank you to everyone who donated! This month we are collecting jars of peanut butter. 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.

THAI CHI CLASSES AT THIRD: Some of our members have taken advantage of the Tai Chi for Arthritis class offered here at Third every Monday and Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the youth room. There is no charge to attend, but a suggested donation of \$3/class is welcome. Tai Chi is a controlled method of gentle physical movement using a series of motions done in a slow, graceful manner. Tai Chi classes have been clinically proven to improve balance and endurance, reduce chronic pain and strengthen core muscles. Practicing Tai Chi on a regular basis typically results in a higher sense of health and wellbeing. If you would like more information, call Senior Neighbors @ 616.233.0283.



ELE'S PLACE WEST MICHIGAN: Ever wonder about Ele's Place? Ele's Place is a nonprofit organization that provides grief support to children and teens ages 3-18 and their families. It was started in West Michigan in 2013, first directed by Gerilyn May who lost her 17-year-old son, Stephen, in 2010. The location of their services has been right here at Third since 2013 (10 years!). It has been and remains our pleasure to host them. This fall Ele's will meet every Thursday from 6:15 – 8 pm. If you would like to get involved or are in need of grief support, please call their office @ 616.301.1605. Volunteer facilitator training here at Third is about to begin!



The King's Choraliers is looking forward to singing for our 2023-2024, Seventy-Fourth season. We are pleased to also announce that we are inviting men from high school, college-age and above, who enjoy sharing their faith through music, to consider auditioning for the Choraliers. Rehearsals are held weekly on Thursday nights, 7:30 – 9 p.m. at Fifth Reformed Church (2012 Griggs SE, Grand Rapids) from September 7 to December 7 and from January 18 to April 26. In addition to our annual Christmas and Spring concerts, we also attempt to sing twice a month (mostly at Sunday evening worship services). Anyone who might be interested in joining The King's Choraliers, please send a note to Ron Rogers, Director, at ronr102668@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

We are also announcing the opening for a full time accompanist for the Choraliers. We encourage anyone who enjoys sharing their faith through music to consider auditioning for the accompanist position of the King's Choraliers. Anyone who might be interested in auditioning for the position, please send a note to Ron Rogers, Director, at ronr102668@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration. -Beverly Weeks

Happy Birthday!

August

2023

Aug 2	Walt Lockwood	Aug 17	Spencer Vanderploeg
Aug 2	Alex Tjoelker	Aug 18	Les Coleman
Aug 2	David Wygmans	Aug 21	Ralph Robrahn
Aug 3	Abby Kelly	Aug 23	Aiden Van Prooyen
Aug 4	Charlie Inhulsen	Aug 24	Jason Crow
Aug 6	Monica Inhulsen	Aug 25	Ted Zwart
Aug 7	Virginia Schollaart	Aug 26	Ivy Haycraft
Aug 16	Mary De Korte	Aug 28	Windy Schnelker
Aug 16	Dee Scully	Aug 29	Michael Christy
Aug 17	Micky Van Til	Aug 30	Maggie Vanderploeg
Aug 17	Jim Vanden Bos	Aug 31	Layla Coleman

Happy Anniversary

August 1 Ted and Chanda Kabot
August 6 Kevin and Nancy Mc Intyre
August 9 Len and Dianne DeBraber
August 20 Keith and Paula Boeve
August 26 Rog and Jane Bolhouse
August 27 Ted and Nancy Zwart
August 29 Jason and Jennifer Vanderploeg



Third Reformed Church

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

YOUR 2023/2024 CONSISTORY

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Kirk Breukink, Vice President
Walt Lockwood
Windy Schnelker
Ron Schollaart
Barb Teitsma
Melissa VanderLeek

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