

Easter, Resurrection of the Lord

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

April 20, 2025 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

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Hallelujah! Christ Arose!*

Lyra Davidica
Robert Lowry

CHORAL INTROIT

Fanfare for Easter

Kenneth Walton

*Christ is risen. Alleluia!
Death hath no more dominion over him!
Christ is risen. Alleluia!*

RESURRECTION CALL TO WORSHIP

...

Christ is risen!

He has risen indeed! (3X)

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **229**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND GRATITUDE

Resurrected Christ,
you faced the depths of death and suffering and emerged victorious.
You were broken yet made whole, for the love of God's good world.

Yet, we confess that we forget love has the final victory.

You prove your love for us by taking our small efforts
and magnifying them into dramatic change.

You challenge our limited potential
and expand our reach into new horizons of love and justice.

You are a good teacher, showing us how to take what little we have
and trust in your abundance.

**Yet we cling to our scarcity,
doubting that what we offer could ever be enough.**

You took a little boy's small lunch—
five loaves and two fish—and fed a multitude.

Forgive us when we think too small,
failing to believe you can multiply our efforts for the good of your world.

**Forgive us, bread of life,
for underestimating your power and ignoring the call to join in your work.**

**Inspire us to dream boldly, give generously and act faithfully,
trusting that your love can transform even the smallest offering
into a feast of justice and grace.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

 PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood*

CHORUS

*This the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

*Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
"Finished," the victory cry*

CHORUS

*Oh, to see my name written in the wounds
For, through Your suffering, I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love*

*This the power of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

John 20:11-18 (NT pg. 100)

MESSAGE

The Harrowing Healer

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *In Christ Alone* Getty and Townend

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **233**

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

VICTORY

✠ BENEDICTION

CHORAL ANTHEM

Risen Indeed!

Joseph M. Martin

Our Lord is risen indeed! Sing an alleluia.

Our Lord is risen indeed! With an alleluia come and praise the Lord.

Christians, lift your song. Exalt Him;

give Him all the honor; give him all the praise; Alleluia!

✠ POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

If you brought an offering this morning, please put it in an offering plate, located on the tables in the narthex.

Offerings may also be mailed to the church, made online at: <https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/give/online>
or made by scanning the QR code below.

Make an Offering





ASSISTING GOD'S PEOPLE IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING ARE:

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen
The Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker
The Rev. Jen Petersen

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music
Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins
Brass Ensemble
 Donovan Ford, trumpet
 Andrew Lasceski, trumpet
 Robert Engelsman, trombone
 Paul Boelkins, euphonium
Praise Team
Walt Lockwood, sound technician
Ben Wicks, projectionist/livestream technician
Lois Ripma, organist

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson – AM Coordinator
The De Korte Family – Greeters
Edy Borgondy and Tim Breukink - Coffee and Cookies
Lindsey Dawes - Nursery & Little Lambs (Toddler Room)

NEXT WEEK (April 27)

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	The Crow Family
Liturgist:	Deb Roden
Coffee and Cookies:	Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart
Nursery & Toddler Room:	Volunteer Needed

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. We are in need of a volunteer next Sunday, April 27.

[Click here to sign-up if you can help](#)



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

All children, ages 4 years through 5th grade, will be invited during the worship service to dismiss to their own worship space. The children can be picked up following the service in the children's wing (east side of the building).

ARE YOU VISITING?

If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out a "visitor card," found in each pew, and give it to one of our pastors. Or, simply scan the QR code below and fill out a "visitor form."

Contact Information



Join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service, and for a cup of coffee or punch and a sweet treat! Consider taking a walk to the east wing to see our Holy Pilgrimage!



FAITH FORUM (2nd HOUR)

There will be no Faith Forum this morning. We will resume next Sunday (April 27) when David Wygmans will lead a discussion on "Apologies, Forgiveness and Other Difficult Conversations."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Easter Service – <i>He is risen!</i>	10:00 AM
April 20	Children's Worship Offered	
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
April 21		
TUESDAY	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
April 22	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Classis Executive Committee Meeting	11:30 AM
	Deacon Meeting	6:00 PM
	Elder Meeting	6:00 PM
	Consistory Meeting	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
April 23	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Wednesday Night Meal – All Church Event!	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Improv Class	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
April 24		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
April 27	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 nd Hour)	11:30 AM
	7/8 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	High School Youth Group	5:30 PM

JOIN US FOR DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY!

Our Community Life Team is making and serving us dinner this Wednesday (April 23). What makes this so fun is the main dish they will be making. Tammy Schollaart gave Laura Blauw some old recipes that Virginia Schollaart had. Laura thought it would be fun to make Edna Hul's (Maxine De Loof's mom) creamed chicken in patty shells. Also on the menu is: Chicken nuggets, a vegetable, fruit salad and dessert. Come join us to warm your tummy with some real Third Reformed Church comfort food! There will be copies of the recipe available for you.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE – REFUGEE SUPPORT

We are now two weeks into a wonderful partnership with the Alam Zai family of five from Afghanistan! Abdul, the father of the family, worked for 14 years as a cook for the United States Army in Jalalabad. They were granted refugee status because of the threat of Taliban retribution for his work with our military. The family arrived in Grand Rapids in December, but had their support eliminated when the Trump administration froze funding. The loss of Federal refugee resettlement grants meant that Church World Service went from 14 staff members to 3 in the Grand Rapids office. They have been able to secure rent assistance through June, but not much practical support. That's where we come in! There is a core team from Third that has met the family and is quickly building relationships. That group is Tom and Marjean Dooley, David Wygmans, Ingrid Baird and Pastor Jeffrey. There is also a larger group that is getting specific requests for assistance by email. If you would like to be added to that group, please let Tom or Jeffrey know. You can also join in praying for the family as they work to build a life in America. The family is:

Abdul (Ab-dool) - father

Shamin (Shah-mean) - mother

Asia (Ah-see-ah) - 10 year old girl

Hadia (Hah-dee-ah) - 8 year old girl

Bahzad Ali (Bah-zaad Ah-lee) - 2 year old boy

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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.



Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully and Sandy Swan.

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JOAN VILA

The white rose on the communion table is in memory of Joan Vila who passed away peacefully in her home on Monday (April 14). Joan and her husband, David, (who were married for 54 years) started a translation ministry and publishing house that took them around the Spanish speaking world. Joan joined us here at Third in April 2010 after attending a Young at Heart Luncheon. Please lift up in prayer Joan's children (Cathy, David and Debbie) and all those she loved who will miss her very much.

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:4-5

CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Third partners with Pine Rest in a church assistance program. Each one of us (and everyone living in the home) has access to many services offered by Pine Rest, including 3 free counseling visits, elder care consultation, real estate consultation, and 100s of webinars on topics related to mental health and wellness. It is all confidential and between only you and the folks at Pine Rest.

If you would like to make an appointment with Pine Rest, call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1 and follow the prompts). Please remember to say, "I have a CAP with Third Reformed Church." A licensed counselor will return your call within 60 minutes.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

April is certainly a month for sweet tooths! Appropriately so, we are collecting **sugar** this month for the Pantry. 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. Thank you, Third! (Next month we will be collecting Pasta Sauce in Jars.)



Third Reformed Church

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

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