# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan May 25, 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** Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here today there is love freely available to all, not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth. Break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Here today is love higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

Let the seas roar their praise and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all. And also with you.

Let us Worship God!

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace and Giver of Life, hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON



The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

The people offer a sign of peace to one another

MUSICAL OFFERING

Meditation from Thais

J. Massenet

# **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD Galatians 2:11-21 (NT pg. 546)

MESSAGE Called out to be Called in Rev. Dr. Andrew Bossardet

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 622** 

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**CONVERSE** 

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

**BENEDICTION** 

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 697

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

Mare I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

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: <a href="https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/give/online">https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/give/online</a> or made by scanning the QR code below.



Assisting God's people in worship this morning are:
The Rev. Dr. Andrew Bossardet
The Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music
Praise Team
Abby Schnelker, violinist
Walt Lockwood, sound technician
AJ Arechiga, Head of Technology

# **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 to care for our little ones on June 15, June 22, June 29 and every Sunday in July and August.

Click here to sign-up if you can help on one of those dates

#### 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 today's worship service, and for a cup of coffee or punch and a cookie or two.



#### THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson – AM Coordinator Amy, Will and Grace Kent, Margo Taylor - Greeters Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart - Coffee and Cookies Judy Nagel - Nursery & Little Lambs (Toddler Room)

**NEXT WEEK** (June 1)

AM Coordinator: Bill Davidson

Greeters: The Maddox Family, Nancy Mc Intyre

Coffee and Cookies: Volunteers Needed

Liturgist: Keith Boeve

Nursery & Toddler Room: Windy Schnelker

#### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

June 8	The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman
June 15	Len and Dianne De Braber
June 22	Dave and Paige Hendrickson
June 29	Gary Graef and Kim Krause
July 6	Keith and Paula Boeve
July 13	The Crow Family
July 20	Rog and Jane Bolhouse, Mark Dietrich
July 27	The Debowski Family

<sup>\*</sup>Please call or email the office if you have a conflict with the date you are scheduled for.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:psysboo@aol.com">psysboo@aol.com</a>, 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.

#### **DAWN MULLER HAS MOVED!**

Dawn's new address is: 2037 N Terrace Lane NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505

...Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.

1 Samuel 25:6

#### NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

June is almost here! And it is now time for us to collect **Pasta Sauce in Jars**.

Thank you to everyone who donated cans of tomatoes, mixed vegetable and baked beans this month! Please drop off your donation of **Pasta Sauce** on the table in the "gathering space" or space by the church mailboxes. You may also make a monetary donation, which can be put in the white mailbox on the food donation table.

## A SPECIAL GIFT FOR OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY

As we began planning Third Reformed Church's 150th anniversary celebration, I wanted the choir to take part in marking this important milestone. Many choral pieces are written to honor significant occasions, which sparked the idea of commissioning a new work especially for our church.

I immediately thought of Sean Ivory—a longtime colleague and a gifted composer. Sean and I met in 1992 while teaching music in Forest Hills, and he has since built a distinguished career as a conductor, pianist, and composer, with his works performed around the world.

When I approached Sean— in the grocery aisle at Meijer!—he was immediately supportive. After conversations with the choir, we selected Psalm 100 as the text. Its joyful call to worship and message of God's enduring faithfulness felt like a perfect reflection of our congregation's legacy.

Due to recent budget challenges, we initially had to pause the project. But in an extraordinary act of generosity, Sean surprised us by completing and gifting the piece to the church. Though he declined payment, we would like to honor his generosity with a thank-you offering.

If you'd like to contribute to the thank-you offering, you may do so through Breeze, by using a designated envelope in the offering plates, or by dropping off a gift at the church office. Contributions will be accepted through June 1.

The choir gave this beautiful work its premiere performance on Sunday and it was met with great enthusiasm. If you missed it, you can view the performance on the church's livestream recording. The choir will also sing it again in worship this October.

Let us celebrate this meaningful gift of music and the spirit of gratitude it inspires.

Paul Boelkins

# **CRAFT/QUILT GROUP WORKSHOP**

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, quilting, etc.? Pack up whatever you are working on at home and come join us this **Tuesday**, **May 27**, **from 9:30 am – 12 pm** in the drama room. Can't make it on Tuesday? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
May 25		
MONDAY May 26	Memorial Day To our veterans and those who are currently serving	
	our Country: Thank you!!! And may "God Bless You and Keep You"	
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM
May 27	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
May 28	Improv Class	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM
THURSDAY May 29	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
SUNDAY June 1	Worship Service Celebration of the Lord's Supper	10:00 AM

# **SAVE THE DATE**

Games-at-the-Farm will be on Sunday, June 29, from 2 to 7-ish. Pick up a flyer in the connection center today for more details.



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

## YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY

**ELDERS** 

Len De Braber, Vice President Melissa VanderLeek, Clerk

Walt Lockwood Dawn Muller Windy Schnelker Barb Teitsma

**PRESIDENT** 

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

**DEACONS** 

Brandon Slomp, Assistant Treasurer Marc Coleman. Chair of Deacons

Jason Crow Ryan De Korte Bill Hamlin

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