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## The Third Sunday of Easter

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

May 4, 2025 10:00 AM

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*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

*Gentle Earth and Sky*

Michael Gettel

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
**to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.**



CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Come, People of the Risen King*

Getty and Townend

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, when Isaiah learned to see clearly  
he said, "Woe is me, I am lost!  
For I am a man of unclean lips,  
and I live among a people of unclean lips,  
yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!  
**Gracious God, we too long to see clearly  
and recognize that we are in need of cleansing.**

Your world suffers wars and rumors of war.  
Those with power wield it for terror or vengeance  
while the vulnerable pay the cost.  
**We lament the violence that ruins lives,  
destroys families and pulls communities apart.  
We cry out to you O Lord, move in power and provide peace!**

Your world suffers because of sin, and not one of us is without it.  
You call us to love you with our whole self and love our neighbor as ourselves.  
In spirit we are willing, God, but in flesh we are weak.  
**We lament the sin that gains footholds in our hearts.  
We cry out to you, O Lord, "Move in power and provide peace."  
For your glory and your name's sake, we pray.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## 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*

*By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign*

CHORUS

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
'Til the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

*By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave*

*By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth*

CHORUS

*By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name*

CHORUS

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 30 (*OT pg. 468*)

MESSAGE

*A Thousand Resurrections*

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

## WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Centering Prayer*

Zach and Bluett

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!**

## MOMENT FOR MISSION - KIDS HOPE UPDATE

Dominic Biolchini (or Mr. B!), Kent Hills Elementary School Principal  
Ashley Phillips, Community School Coordinator

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING	<i>The Blessing</i>	Kari Jobe Carnes
✠ BENEDICTION		
✠ POSTLUDE	<i>How Majestic Is Your Name</i>	Michael W. Smith

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, Senior Pastor*  
*Eli Wicks, liturgist*  
*Pam Lockwood, Director of Music*  
*Adult Choir under the Direction of Paul Boelkins*  
*Praise Team*  
*Josie Breukink, sound technician*  
*Ben Wicks, projectionist and livestream technician*

## **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 May 25, June 8, June 15, June 22 and June 29. [Click here to sign-up if you can help on one of those dates](#)



## **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**

All children, ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

VBS 2025 is on the church calendar for July 28 -31. We will begin each of the four days at 9 am and conclude at 11:30 am. We will share more details as the date gets closer. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors! Click here to register your child(ren) [Register for VBS 2025](#), or scan the QR code below.

### **Register For VBS 2025**



## **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 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 cookie or two! We will meet in the fellowship hall, located at the end of the front hallway.

### **FAITH FORUM (2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR)**

Join us at 11:30 am in the youth room. Both Ava Coleman and Reggie Turner will be sharing their faith stories today!

\*There will be no Faith Forum next Sunday, May 11.  
We will resume on May 18 when Bryan Hageman will share his faith story.

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

Bill Davidson – AM Coordinator  
Jim and Karen Vanden Bos - Coffee and Cookies  
Bill and Barb Hamlin - Nursery & Little Lambs (Toddler Room)

### **NEXT WEEK (May 11)**

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Liturgist:	Ava Coleman
Coffee and Cookies:	Jim and Karen Vanden Bos
Nursery & Toddler Room:	Mary De Korte

### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

May 18	The Reid Morris Family
May 25	The Kent Family, Margo Taylor
June 1	The Maddox Family, Nancy Mc Intyre
June 8	The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman
June 15	Len and Dianne De Braber
June 22	Rog and Jane Bolhouse
June 29	Gary Graef and Kim Krause

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

## FROM THE DEACONS

Thank you for your generous contributions during the month of March. General Fund giving is ahead of plan by \$12,991 for the first three months of the year. Several members of our congregation allocate their annual IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) towards their general fund giving. We have received two of these which represents the members' contribution for the year. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter giving statements have been distributed. Please contact Karen Vander Meulen with any corrections.

	March	March YTD
General Fund – Actual	\$43,528.56	\$125,694.56
General Fund – Budget	37,568.00	112,704.00
% of GF Budget	115.9%	111.5%
Benevolent Fund	\$150.00	\$610.00
Camp Geneva	0.00	2,000.00
High School Youth Group	5,821.00	5,821.00
Other	292.00	632.00

## 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](mailto: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.

“Thank you church family and Pastor Jeffrey for all the prayers, cards, acts of kindness and encouragement, and even a virtual hug. I truly felt covered and blessed to be a part of the Third Church family. Thanks again. The report came back the cancer has been removed. Thanks be to God.” In Christian Love, Mary Cook



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
May 4	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour)	11:30 AM
	7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	High School Youth Group	5:30 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
May 5	Pickleball for Everyone	4:30 PM
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
May 6		
WEDNESDAY	Young at Heart Gathering	12:00 PM
May 7	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Improv Class	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
May 8	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SATURDAY	DeColores Board Meeting	9:30 AM
May 10		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
May 11	Children's Worship Offered	

## **YOUNG AT HEART (YAH)**

Our next Young at Heart gathering is THIS Wednesday, May 7 at 12 pm in the lounge. Art De Looff will be joining us. He is excited to share some of Third Reformed Church's history with us by way of personal stories and pictures. Chef Mark Dietrich will prepare a homemade lunch, which is SURE to be delicious! The suggested donation is \$12. If you plan to attend and have not signed up, please sign up today at the Connection Center or by [clicking this link](#)



Our annual spring church workday is Saturday, May 17 from 9 am – 12 pm. This is always a fun day to work and laugh in community. There will be indoor and outdoor jobs for people of all ages to help clean and spruce up the building and grounds. We'll have pizza at noon!

Sign up at the Connection Center or by [clicking this link](#) to let us know how many people (and therefore how much work) we can plan on!



## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

We will be celebrating our 2025 graduates on Sunday, May 18.

## **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.



- April has come and gone, and we collected 200 lb of sugar last month for the Food Pantry! Thank you, Third! This month of May we are collecting **Canned Tomatoes, Canned Mixed Vegetables and Baked Beans**. 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.
- We thought you should know that each month we receive a thank you letter from Laura Castle, Executive Director for NECM. This month she writes, “On behalf of our clients, staff, volunteers and board members of North End Community Ministry, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the generous donations to benefit our ministry. . . We are constantly reminded that without the generosity and ongoing commitment from our supporting churches, we would be unable to continue to remain a beacon of hope for many in the northeast community. Again, thank you for your support of our ministry!”
- Save the Date: Our next opportunity to serve at Supper House is Tuesday, June 17, 2025.



# Third Reformed Church

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

## **YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY**

### **ELDERS**

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