

September 6, 2026 (Yr A, Pentecost 15, Proper 18)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude Largo in B Minor By J. M. Leclair

Welcome

Introit Lead Me, Lord By S. Wesley
Soloist: Sue Paul

Call to Worship (inspired by Romans 13: 11-14)

One: Awake from your sleep, for night is gone

Many: and the dawn of a new day has arrived!

One: Darkness once ruled our lives,

ALL: but now the light of Jesus brings our salvation to life.

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn** Come, Thou Almighty King #8

*** Gathering Prayer**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** #813

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, amen.

Scripture: Titus 3:10–11, 1st Corinthians 6:1-8, and Matthew 18:15-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God | **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Church Gets Real Messy Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn of Response** Make Us One #418

Joys and Concerns

Song Cares Chorus (seated) #627
I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (seated) #641
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Somebody Bigger Than You and I By Lange, Heath and
Soloist, Sue Paul Burke

Doxology #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of the Offering

Announcements

Hymn of Preparation Bind us Together #425

Communion

*** Closing Hymn** Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vv. 1,3) #426

*** Charge and Benediction**

+ Postlude March Royale in C major By J. B. Lully

Welcoming Deacons: Alex Gorecki and Shawn Tycz

Reading Deacon: Lenny Brown

Flowers: Given by Caroline Bengston in memory of her husband, Ken.

*** Please rise in body or spirit.**

+ All are warmly invited to enjoy Coffee Hour after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayers

All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.

***Please pray for:**

Jeff Cerier, brother-in-law to Martha Fetter
Shannon Kulac
Nate Chapin
Stan, nephew to Ken and Nancy Joy
Evelyn Mills
Carolyn Campagna
Austin - cousin's son of Corrine Sternberg
Ann - friend of Corrine Sternberg

WELCOME: Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace. We are also collecting cans of gravy for the Middletown Thanksgiving Project.

- 9/6** Music Meeting 11:30am
Work Party 11:30 am
Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm
Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 pm
9/8 BCE Meeting 4:00 pm
Safety Meeting 7:00 pm
9/9 Bible Study 10:00 am
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
9/10 Choir Practice 6:00 pm
9/12 Bible Study 10:00

Birthdays: D. Jud 9/6, M. Tomer 9/10, D. Andrew 9/11

Congregational Care

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note.

If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Lori Albert.

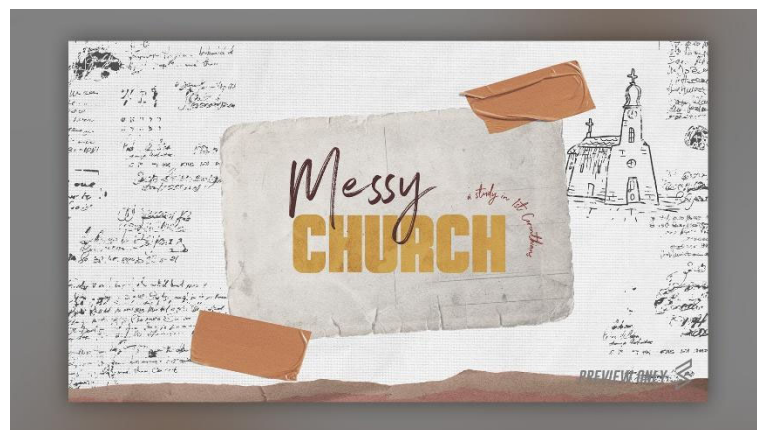
Prayer shawls can be like hugs from God from all the prayers that go with them as they are knitted, with a blessing added by the pastor when completed. If you would like a shawl or know anyone who would like one, please reach out to a deacon or Pastor Daniel. Recipients need not be a member of Third Church to receive this token of love.

Remember our shut-ins with prayer: Lynda Andrew and Janet Manthay.

Third Congregational Church

Established 1773

You can always come home to Third Church!



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