

September 20, 2026 (Yr A, Pentecost 17, Proper 20)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude Toccata per l'eleivazione By G. Frescobaldi
Welcome
Introit The Strife is O'er By Palestrina arr. William H. Monk

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 145:1-5)

One: The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness and is close to all who call on the Holy One's name!

Many: We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

One: The Lord our Great God is glorious beyond our imagination, yet God hears our cries for help!

Many: We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

One: The Lord our God is worthy to be honored by every generation, and by people of every age!

ALL: We come in worship and praise of God's holy name. Amen.

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn** We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer #68

*** Gathering Prayer**

O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome your grace into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and 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: Matthew 20:1-16

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

Reading: "Deservability Treatment," By Louise Hay

Sermon: "What God Has in Store" Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (insert)

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.

Offering

Invitation

Offertory "One Day at a Time" By M. J. Wilkin and K. Kristoferrson

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

Announcements

*** Closing Hymn** Grace, Love, and Fellowship #233

*** Charge and Benediction**

+ Postlude Toccata in C By Carlos Seixas

Welcoming Deacons: Chris Tessman and Al Baron

Reading Deacon: Jeff Yardis

Flowers: Given by Sue Paul in memory of Clayton and "B" Mantie and Husband, Robert Paul

*** 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:

Arlene Wilson
Betty Shaw
Frank Czerwinski and family on the loss of his brother-in-law
John, Rich Karpa's brother-in-law
Jeff Cerier, brother-in-law to Martha Fetter
Stan, nephew to Ken and Nancy Joy
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.

- 9/20** Deacons Meeting 11:30
Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm
Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 pm
- 9/23** Bible Study 10:00
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
Strategic Planning 6:00pm
- 9/24** Ladies Aid 12:00 pm
Choir Practice 6:00 pm
- 9/26** Bible Study 9:00am

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!



September 20, 2026
"What God Has in Store"

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