March 1, 2026 (Year A: Lent, Week 2)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude "Andante in C" By Haydn

Entrance of the Scouts

Welcome

Introit "In The Lord's Time" By Sara L. Baril
Soloist – Lori Albert

Call to Worship

One: God touches the world, and the world changes.
Many: God touches us, and we are transformed.
One: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,
Many: On mountains, in valleys, everywhere.
One: In this time together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.
Many: And through the change, we worship God. Alleluia!

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn** **"**Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb" #110

*** Gathering Prayer**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who seek, and bring them to embrace and hold fast the Love found in the Way shown by you, as Jesus Christ; who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 Lesson: John 3:1-17

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

Sermon "Born of the Spirit" Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn of Response** "We Meet You, O Christ" (insert)

Recognition of the Scouts

Joys and Concerns

One: God, in your mercy…
All: Hear our prayer.

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 and ever. Amen.

Affirmation **"**Spirit of Life" (Insert)

Offering

Invitation

Offertory "Wings As Eagles" By R. Hamilton
Soloists: Sue Paul and Lori Albert

Doxology #815

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication

Announcements

Hymn of Preparation **"**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #316

Communion

*** Closing Hymn** **"**The Lord's Prayer" #631

*** Benediction**

Postlude "March in G" By Haydn

All are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.

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

Welcoming Deacons: Al Baron and Shawn Tycz
Reading Deacon: Jane DiMauro
Ushers: Al Baron
Flowers: Given by Ruth Law in loving memory of her husband, Tom

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:**

Ken and Martha Nichols
Lenny Brown
Nancy and family on the passing of husband, Marc, friends of Ken and Nancy Joy
Nate Chapin
Patti, friend of Jane and Paul DiMauro
Federal Law Enforcement officers
Individuals and families terrorized or slaughtered by Federal agents
Victims of human trafficking
Victims of the illegal drug trade
David DeMerchant, Jr.
For the residents of the Concierge apartments in Rocky Hill
Larry Cummings
Linda Rec
Craig, friend of Pastor Daniel
Ann, friend of Corrine Sternberg
Austin, Cousin's son of Corrine Sternberg
Cory, friend of Third Church

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.

3/1	History of Christianity 8:30 am
	Missions Meeting 11:30 am
	Music Meeting 11:30 am
	Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm
	Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 pm
3/4	Bible Study 10:00 am
	Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
	"The Revelation" Book Study 7:00 pm
	Flywheelers 7:30 pm
3/5	Choir Practice 6:00 pm
3/7	Bible Study 10:00 am
	St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner 5:00 pm

Birthdays: L. Urso 3/3, T. Casey 3/4, H. Gentile 3/5, K. Casso 3/5, F. Shiffer 3/6, C. Baron 3/7

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

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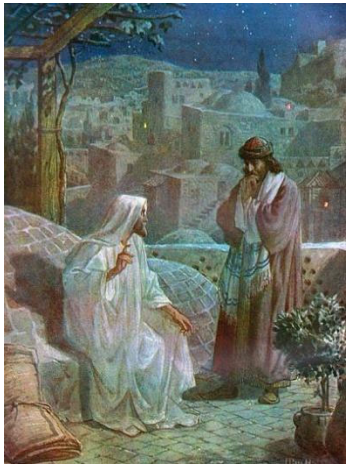
You can always come home to Third Church!



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