

May 3, 2026 (Year A, Eastertide, Week 5)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude Hymn Improvisation
Welcome One: He is risen! | **Many: He is risen, indeed!**
Introit "Peace Like A River"

Call to Worship (based on 1st Peter 2:9-10)
One: Siblings in Christ, come and worship!
Many: For we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's very own family!
One: Let us proclaim together the goodness of God,
All: Who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light!

***Passing the Peace**

***Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (vv.1,2,4) #3

***Gathering Prayer**

Almighty God, whom we know as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Grant us to trust that you are the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow your steps in the way that leads to abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father, in the unity of 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 Lesson: John 14:1-14

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

Sermon "Jesus as GPS?" Rev. Dr. Christine Stopka

Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Response** "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" (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 and ever. Amen.

Song "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (seated) #641

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Jesus Is Coming Again" By J. W. Peterson

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 "The Blood Will Never Lose..." (seated) #334 Lori Albert

Communion

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

***Benediction**

+Postlude March Improvisation

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

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

Welcoming Deacons: Lisa Urso and Mary Tycz

Reading Deacon: Rebecca Lindsey

Ushers: Paul and Jane DiMauro

Flowers: Larry and Joy Cummings In honor of the Wednesday Bible Study Class

Third Congregational Church

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"Jesus as GPS?"

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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:

Randy, PJ's nephew
Joe, friend of Sandy
Kristiansen

Grace

Helen

April, daughter of
Helen

Lannie, friend of
Susan James

Kevin White, friend
of Sharon Maloney

Cory, friend of Pastor
Daniel

Gwen, daughter of
Rich

Sherri, niece of Ken
and Nancy Joy

Fred, friend of Paul
and Jane DiMauro

David DeMerchant,
Jr.

Ann, friend of
Corrine Sternberg

Austin, Cousin's son
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.

- 5/3** Music Meeting 11:30 am
Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm
Troop 16 Meeting pm
- 5/6** Bible Study 10:00 am
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
Flywheelers Meeting 7:30 pm
- 5/7** Choir Practice 6:00 pm
- 5/9** Bible Study 10:00 am

Birthdays: J. Smith 4/26, H. Blakeslee 5/4,
B. DiMauro 5/5, Lydia Hodge 5/5, A. Blakeslee
5/5, D. Coutsouridis 5/9, L. Bonneau 5/9

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.