

**Prelude** "French Suite No. 3: Menuet **Bach**

**Welcome**

**Introit** "What a Wonderful Name" **Natalie Czesak**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

One: As we move deeper into the season, here are some things we know:

**All: Falls brings a growing darkness that we cannot escape.**

One: The nights become cooler and take on winter's chill.

**All: The leaves on the trees and blades of grass try on new suits of yellow, orange, red, and brown.**

One: Life around us slowly retreats and goes to sleep.

**All: In the rest before renewal, the earth will remain waiting . . . waiting . . . waiting.**

One: Waiting for the time that they are returned to us . . . the warmth and the light.

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Opening Hymn** "We Gather Together" **#790**

**\*Gathering Prayer:** Almighty God, you who embrace the vastness of space and us along with it, be with us today. Hold us in our worry, our exhaustion, our grief. Lead us to rest in the quiet, to find solace and renewal in this time of shifting light and dark. You whose arms open with the spinning galaxies, help us to make room, as you do, for all that is. Help us understand our interdependence, our gravitational relatedness with all of the other spinning lives around us and lead us to treat those relationships with care. In this space, filled with the people among us who shine like stars, we give thanks for this moment to be together. May our senses be open to the beauty of this day, this season, this world. 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: Psalm 124 #498**

Acclamation: The Word of God for the people of God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn – Shout Out from the LEFT side of the Sanctuary (2 verses)**

**Poem** **Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff**

**\*Hymn – Shout Out from the RIGHT side of the Sanctuary (2 verses)**

**\*Hymn – General Shout Out (2 verses)**

**Joys and Concerns**

After concerns are spoken, the leader says, "God in your mercy," and the church responds, "Hear our prayers"

**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**

**Hymn of Reflection** "Something Beautiful" **#507**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "The Salley Gardens" **Britten**

**Doxology** **#815**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Dedication**

**\*Hymn – Shout Out from the BACK of the Sanctuary (2 verses)**

**\*Hymn – Shout Out from the FRONT of the Sanctuary (2 verses)**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn – General Shout Out! (2 verses)**

**\*Benediction**

**+Postlude** "French Suite No. 5: Gavotte" **Bach**

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

**+ All are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.**

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Dottie and Earl Hughes in honor of our friends at Third Church

**Welcoming Deacons:** Lindsey Joy and Shawn Tycz

**Reading Deacon:** Corrine Sternberg

**Ushers:** Jane and Bonnie Palmer

**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.**

9/29 History of Christianity 9:00 AM  
Standing Committee 11:30 AM  
Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 PM  
Confirmation Class 6:00 PM  
10/2 Bible Study 10:00 AM  
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 PM  
Flywheelers 7:30 PM  
10/3 Military Whist 6:30 PM  
Bear Den 6:30 PM  
Choir Practice 6:30 PM  
Endowment Meeting 7:00 PM  
10/4 Tai Chai 10:00 AM  
Cub Scout Meeting 7:00 PM  
10/5 Bible Study 10:00 AM

**Birthdays:** L. Aunger 9/30, E. Aunger 10/2, H. Aunger 10/2

#### 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 Kim Kennedy.

*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*

#### 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 Andrea Cortez who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.  
\*Please pray for Jim Kolman who is fighting cancer.  
\*Please pray for Middletown residents Susan Van Ness, her daughter Delilah, and Paul Pelletier, teacher of 5 years at Middletown High School, who were involved in a fatal airplane crash in Vermont on Sunday, September 8, 2024.  
\*Please pray for Bill Sullo, Jr. who is in serious condition from burn injuries. Also pray for Sharon Maloney.  
\*Please pray for Bruce, friend of Alex, undergoing cancer treatment.  
\*Please pray for Kathy, friend of Shawn, her son Christopher has health issues.  
\*Please pray for Leslie, friend of Third Church, has recurring cancer..  
\*Please pray for Carol, friend of Steve and Jill Pawson, recovering from brain surgery.  
\*Please pray for Doreen, friend of Jill and Steve Pawson experiencing challenges due to amputation.  
\*Please pray for Sherri, niece of Nancy, having issues due to ALS.  
\*Please pray for Richard Aucoin friend of Susan C., undergoing cancer treatment.  
\*Please continue prayers for Randy's mother, Patricia, she is having critical issues.  
\*Please pray for Dianna Dixey, she is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.  
\*Please pray for Al and Carol. Also, the family on the loss of Wayne, Carol's brother.

# Third Congregational Church

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