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May 11, 2025  
*Season of Eastertide*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

*The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.*

## PRAISE HIM

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" ..... Fred Bock

ORGAN MEDITATION: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... Dan Miller

*Leo Davis, organ*

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-3..... Todd Erickson

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 361 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!" ..... HYFRYDOL

*Words: William C. Dix / Music: Rowland H. Prichard / Revelation 5:9*

1. Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter,  
2. Al - le - lu - ia, not as or - phans are we left in  
3. Al - le - lu - ia, bread of an - gels, thou on earth our

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia, his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia, he is near us, faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia, here the sin - ful flee to

vic - to - ry a - lone: hark, the songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
thee from day to day: In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners,

thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, where the songs of

ev - 'ry na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

✦INVOCATION

TRUST HIM

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father,  
 You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 yet we confess with humble hearts  
 our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him,  
 and our reluctance to bear His cross.  
 Forgive us for all the times we have lived for our names,  
 our kingdoms, and our glory.  
 In Your grace, awaken our hearts and open our eyes  
 to the beauty, glory, and power of Your Son.  
 Transform us by Your Spirit  
 so that we may live as fully-devoted disciples of Jesus, our King.  
 It is in His matchless name, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Isaiah 57:15

*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
 "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
 to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "I Will Lift Mine Eyes" ..... Jake Runestad

Music: Jake Runestad / Psalm 121

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills,  
From whence comes my help, my help comes from the Lord.  
He is the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved.  
He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not harm you by day or the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil.  
He will keep your soul, keep your soul.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in,  
From this day forth and evermore.

The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING THE OFFERING: KIDS AT SECOND

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Lynn Erickson

FOLLOW HIM

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

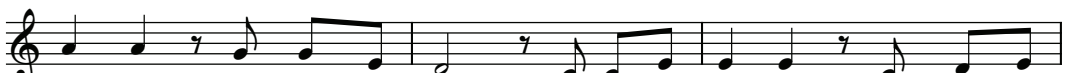
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Living Hope" ..... Phil Wickham

Words and Music: Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson; arr. David Wise / 1 Peter 1:3



1. How great the cha - sm that lay be - tween us, how high the  
 2. Who could i - ma - gine so great a mer - cy? What heart could  
 3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the pro - mise. Your bur - ied



moun - tain I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion I turned to  
 fath - om such bound - less grace? The God of a - ges stepped down from  
 bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the roar - ing

heav - en and spoke your name in - to the night. Then through the  
 glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has  
 Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me.

dark - ness Your lov - ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my soul. The work is  
 spo - ken, I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful

fin - ished, the end is writ - ten. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.  
 Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.

*Chorus*

Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the one who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah! Death has

lost its grip on me. You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain, there's sal -

- va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope!

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Ephesians 6:18-20  
 (page 979 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: Praying in the Spirit . . . . . George Robertson

- I. **When** (18a)
  - A. The Spirit's Motivation
  - B. The Spirit's Empowering
- II. **How** (18b)
  - A. Contemplative
  - B. Deliberate
  - C. Arrows
- III. **Who** (18c-20)
  - A. Combat With
  - B. Combat Against

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 385 "Amazing Grace!" ..... NEW BRITAIN

Words: John Newton / Music: Benjamin Shaw, Charles Spilman / I Chronicles 17:16

1. A - maz - ing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my  
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

◆BENEDICTION

◆BENEDICTION RESPONSE ..... David Wise

**Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!**  
**Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.**  
**You have broken ev'ry chain,**  
**There's salvation in Your name,**  
**Jesus Christ, my living hope!**

◆ORGAN POSTLUDE: Sinfonia from *Cantata 29: "We Praise Thee, O God"* . . . . J.S. Bach; arr. Metzger

◆Indicates congregation standing

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# Sermon Notes

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# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Brett Wynne

♣PSALM 150 (PRAISE THE LORD) . . . . . Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

*Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa / Psalm 150*



1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks,  
2. You reached in - to the dust, with love Your Spir - it breathed,  
3. Let sym - pho - nies re - sound, let drums and choirs ring out,



You paint the eve - ning skies with won - ders.  
You formed us in Your ve - ry like - ness.  
all heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship.



The earth it is Your throne from de - sert to the sea;  
To know Your won - drous works, to tell Your might - y deeds,  
Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its hon - ors to the King,



all na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor.  
to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.  
a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal.

## *Chorus*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness all cre - a - tion.



Praise the Lord, raise your voice you heights and all you depths,



from fur - thest east to west, let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord.



west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far,  
 from sky to sea to shore, sing out for - ev - er - more:  
 let ev - 'ry thing that has breath praise the Lord!

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WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT ..... Matt Merker

Words: Samuel Rodigast, tr. Catherine Winkworth / Music: Matt Merker, Keith Getty / Genesis 18:25

◆ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, His ho - ly will a - bid - eth,  
 2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, He nev - er will de - ceive me;  
 3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, though now this cup in drink - ing;  
 4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, here shall my stand be tak - en;

I will be still what - e'er He does, and fol - low where He guid - eth.  
 He leads me by the pro - per path, I know He will not leave me.  
 may bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it all un - shrink - ing.  
 though sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet I am not for - sak - en.

He is my God, though dark my road; He holds me that I shall not fall,  
 I take, con - tent, what He has sent; His hand can turn my griefs a - way;  
 My God is true, each morn a - new sweet com - fort yet shall fill my heart;  
 My Fa - ther's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall;

and so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.  
 and pa - tient - ly I wait His day, and pa - tient - ly I wait His day.  
 and pain and sor - row shall de - part, and pain and sor - row shall de - part.  
 and so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Ruth 1  
(page 222 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: The Promise Is Not Vain ..... Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH ..... The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;**

**He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Words: Pat Sczebel / Music: Pat Sczebel; arr. Leohrs / Colossians 1:21

*Verse*



1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,  
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the a - gon - ies of Cal - va - ry.  
Your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,  
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



who drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.  
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.

*Chorus*



Your blood has washed a - way my sin; Je - sus, thank You. The



Fath - er's wrath com - plete - ly sat - is - fied; Je - sus, thank You.



Once Your en - e - my, now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank You.

*Bridge*



Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You.

♣HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: CORNERSTONE/HOLY FOREVER . . . . . Hillsong Worship

Words and Music: Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin / 1 Peter 2:4-6



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face,  
 3. When he shall come with trum - pet sound,



than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;  
 I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;  
 oh, may I then in him be found;



I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,  
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale,  
 dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone,



but whol - ly trust in Je - - sus' name.  
 my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

*Chorus*



Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone, weak made strong in the Sav - ior's



love; through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.



And the an - gels cry, "Ho - ly!" All cre - a - tion cries, "Ho -



-ly!" You are lift - ed high, Ho - ly! Ho - ly for - ev - er!



Hear your peo - ple sing, "Ho - ly!" To the King of kings, Ho -



-ly! You will al - ways be Ho - ly, ho - ly for - ev - er!

♣BENEDICTION

♣GOSPEL AMEN

♣Indicates congregation standing

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## Caring Ministry Update

### Sympathy to:

Nancy Miller on the death of her mother, Beverly Homra Noffel, May 1, 2025, in Cape Girardeau, MO.

### In the Hospital (as of 5/8/25):

Ralph Gray, *Memphis Jewish Home*  
Judy Bechtel, *Allen Morgan*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions—Thomas and Jennifer:** For 17 years, Thomas and Jennifer were church planters in Taiwan with their children Ashlee and Tyler. They planned to end their term in Taiwan and move stateside in June of this year. Due to challenges in the process of adopting their daughter from Taiwan, they moved to Maryland sooner than expected. They plan to continue working for their current agency for the remainder of this year while determining next steps in their stateside church planting ministry. They are grateful their local church is interested in partnering with them in church planting; pray the Lord would bless them as they work out details of their partnership. Their adoption should be finalized by the end of 2025. Pray the Lord would bless and direct this process and sustain their daughter as she waits to join her new family.

**Mission Memphis—My Cup of Tea:** My Cup of Tea's mission is to walk with women beyond the boundaries of poverty and neglect and assist them in building stable lives. They transform lives by providing meaningful employment packaging and selling tea, nurturing cross-cultural and trusting relationships, fostering respect and understanding, and prioritizing and demonstrating authentic community with the women they serve and their neighbors in Orange Mound. Praise God for the gardens being prepared to provide vegetables for the neighborhood and employees, and for the donated materials to construct new garden boxes as well as the local men building them. Please pray for the neighborhood women to boldly step out in faith and claim new homes through microloans. Pray also for courage and God's provision as they pursue this opportunity.

**2PC Ministry—Music at Second:** Led by Calvin Ellis, James Ryan, Leo Davis, and Katie Hutcheson, Second's Music Ministry guides our congregation in joyful worship through a rich blend of styles, instruments, and choirs that reflect our growing diversity. The ministry offers opportunities for all ages, including ensembles and lessons through the Second Conservatory of Music. Please pray for the Rejoice! Music Arts Camp this July—held at 2PC and RedZone Ministries in Orange Mound—that God would draw the right children and that they encounter Jesus through music. Pray also for our music ministry staff and members serving locally and globally this summer, that their work glorifies God, blesses others, and is marked by safety, rest, and joy.

## May Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Dorothy Street Sherman* by her sons, Dr. Phillip Sherman, Jr. and Hugh Street Sherman; *Dr. Gerald Freeman Billions* by his loving family; *Libbee Clifford* by her family; *Sara Misner* by her daughter; *Robert Tipton, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunklin* by Deborah and Mary Tipton; *Virginia and Ralph Braden* by their children and grandchildren; *Virginia Buchman Smith* by the Nearn family and the Smith family; and *W. P. "Buddy" Morrison* by his family.

### Summer at Second

It's almost time to splash into Summer, and the slower schedule for all ages leaves room on the calendar for fun ways to spend time in fellowship and grow in community.

Activities on campus for children abound—Camp Narnia in May, Vacation Bible School in June (*registration closes soon, and spots are limited*), Rejoice Music Arts Camp in July, and more. In addition, our youth will meet for Bible study and games.

For adults, Crossroads young adults will meet for weekly Bible studies, Women in Ministry has a few options for fellowship and studying the Word, and our Senior Adult Ministry invites all ages to the Jubilation Jazz concert and lunch on July 10.

Visit [2pc.org/summer](http://2pc.org/summer) for more details.

### General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
April	\$ 846,264	\$ 538,508	\$ (307,756)	\$ 461,038	\$ 77,470
YTD 7/1/24–4/30/25	\$ 9,257,908	\$ 7,954,517	\$ (1,303,391)	\$ 8,263,435	\$ (308,918)

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