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May 3, 2026
Season of Eastertide

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: The prelude is a time for quiet reflection and preparation. As the music begins, worshipers are invited to center their hearts on God and enter the presence of the Holy.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Suite Gothique: I. Introduction-Choral" Leon Boëllmann

Leo Davis, organ

♠CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 5:11-13 Todd Erickson

Call to Worship: God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

♠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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It includes the same treble and bass staves and continues the lyrics.

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

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Invocation: The word invocation means "to appeal to" or "cry out to." In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Psalm 23" Craig Courtney

Music: Craig Courtney / Psalm 23

The Lord, the Lord is my shepherd.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul.
He leads me in the paths of righteousness,
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake,
Yea, though I walk through the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and staff: they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head, my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely love and goodness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen.

The Chancel Choir
Emily Woelke, conductor
Leo Davis, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15: At this time, parents may take children to the nursery.

PRAYING FOR OUR FUTURE MINISTRY: REACH

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 423 "By Faith"BY FAITH

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend / Psalm 145:4

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 3. By faith the proph - ets saw a day when the
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove his
 pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by
 longed-for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are

faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
 God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
 sin and death and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
 preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
 pos - si - ble for all who call up - on his name.

We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; we will

fix our eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 38:1-39:8
 (page 598 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: Simul Iustus et Peccator..... George Robertson

- I. **Saint** (38:1-22)
 - A. Turn to the Lord (1-8)
 - B. Trust in the Lord (9-21)
- II. **Sinner** (39:1-8)
 - A. Whining (38:3, 10-16)
 - B. Doubting (38:22; II Kings 20:8-11)
 - C. Bragging (39:1-8)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**universal*

The Nicene Creed, first formulated at the Council of Nicea (325), affirms Biblical truths about the Trinity and the person of Jesus. We use it in worship to profess what we believe about our triune God and His church.

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**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.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father,
who by Your Son has called us to live holy lives,
we confess anew our many sins.
We have thought evil thoughts;
we have said unwholesome words;
we have committed wicked deeds;
we have neglected Your Word;
we have forgotten to pray;
we have often been unwilling to worship You.
Forgive us, merciful Father,
not on the grounds of our own righteousness,
but on the grounds of Your great mercy
in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in His precious name, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon: Having confessed our sins, the pastor declares God's promise of forgiveness—assuring us that through Christ's atonement, those who truly repent are freed from guilt and shame by His mercy.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

No. 533 "Nearer, My God, to Thee"..... BETHANY

Words: Sarah F. Adams / Music: Lowell Mason / Psalm 119:151

1. Near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!
2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,
3. There let the way ap - pear steps un - to heav'n;

E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me;
dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;
all that thou send - est me in mer - cy giv'n;

still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee,
yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to thee,
an - gels to beck - on me near - er, my God, to thee,



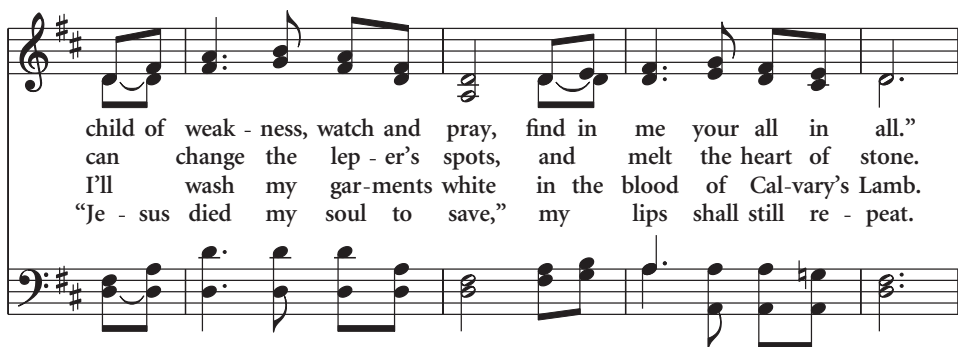
near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee.

No. 266: "Jesus Paid It All"ALL TO CHRIST

Words: Elvina M. Hall / Music: John T. Grape / Isaiah 1:18



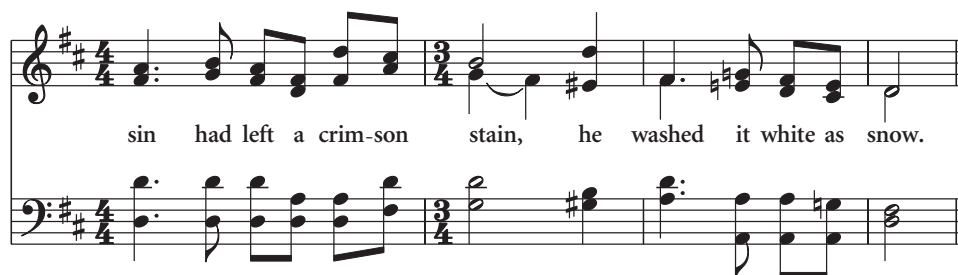
1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r, and yours a - lone,
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim —
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
 can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - vary's Lamb.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 225 "The Power of the Cross" OH, TO SEE THE DAWN

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend | II Corinthians 13:4

♠ Congregation stands as directed.

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
 2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the
 3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its
 4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through your

road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 Mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 suf - fring I am free. Death is crushed to death;

torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
 dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 life is mine to live, won through your self - less love.

2-3. This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ be -
 4. This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of

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came sin for us; took the blame,
 God slain for us. What a love,

bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Benediction: God's people receive the Lord's blessing and are sent into the world, carrying the hope of the Gospel.

♠BENEDICTION

♠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**What a love, what a cost.
 We stand forgiven at the cross.**

♠POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!" J. Christopher Pardini

♠Indicates congregation standing

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GATHERING ON THE GROUNDS

TONIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE POPLAR FIELD

We are looking forward to being together later today on the Poplar Field and hope you'll invite your friends and neighbors to come with you!

We'll start gathering at 5:00 p.m. for live music, fun, and food; worship will begin at 6. Dinner will be provided—burgers/hot dogs, chips, and bottled water. Bring lawn chairs/blankets for seating. Also, feel free to bring a frisbee, football, soccer ball, etc. for a little competitive activity!

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Emily and Grant Lewis on the birth of a son, *Josiah Walt Lewis*, April 19, 2026. (*Germantown Parish*) Paternal grandparents are Brian and Joanne Lewis. (*Audubon Parish*)

Sympathy to:

The family of *Betty Gene Gainer Taylor* on her death, April 19, 2026. (*Senior Parish*)

In the Hospital: (*as of 4/29/26*)
Jenny Udouj, *Hospice at Home*
(*Shelby Farms Parish*)

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Nicole and Feo: Nicole and Feo serve in Indonesia through church planting and evangelism. UPLIFT: Urban Professionals Living for Truth is their initiative for expanding the kingdom of God through urban professionals and discipleship groups. They are thankful the first year of this vision has been fruitful, with several professionals attending mobilization workshops. They praise God that the ministry continues to flourish while they are on home leave. They are receiving testimonies of members training one another and boldly sharing the Good News in their communities. Please pray that the Good News would continue to multiply across Jakarta, that God would bring more professionals to future workshops, and that He would grant their family safe travels back to Indonesia.

Mission Memphis–Memphis Leadership Foundation: The Memphis Leadership Foundation works to equip and empower urban leaders to transform lives and communities in Memphis, providing comprehensive back-office support so that non-profit leaders can focus on the needs of our community. As an intermediary nonprofit, the mission of MLF is to create new initiatives, build leadership capacity, and work with people of faith to replace battlegrounds with playgrounds. Please pray for their Excel scholars program, which consists of dozens of first-generation college students, many of whom will start their first year of college in the Fall. Pray also for the resources to fully support their partnership with My Town Miracles and for the mentors, staff, and other volunteers who are investing in young adults through this ministry.

2PC Ministry–Campus Outreach: Campus Outreach is a global network of ministries working through local churches to reach and develop the next generation of Christ-centered leaders on the university campus. Since 1996, 2PC has served as the “hub church” of the CO Memphis region, which consists of eight schools, including Rhodes College and University of Memphis. Please pray for CO Memphis as they walk through a season of transition and mission. Ask the Lord to guide Chris Devine as he steps into the Regional Director role, and to bless Denny Catalano as he goes to London to serve on the mission field. Pray also for the summer projects—that students at Orlando Project and 901 Project would be equipped to walk with Jesus for a lifetime, and that our teams in South Africa and Thailand would have boldness in sharing the Gospel.

Praying for Our Future Ministry

Over the past year, our staff and Session have been prayerfully seeking the Lord’s direction for the next 10 years of ministry at Second. Beginning last Sunday and continuing through May 17, we’ll hear about four areas of our ministry—worship, reach, grow, serve—and adopt a specific prayer statement for each area.

This summer, we invite you to join us in asking the Lord to shape and lead our future together, using the prayer statements as guidance. We’ll gather on Sunday evening, August 30, to celebrate and step deeper into what the Lord has for us.

Focus This Week: Reach

We pray to be a church whose members seek the Shalom of Memphis and raise up worshipers worldwide by leading our neighbors at home and abroad into a personal relationship with Christ through evangelistic conversations and compassionate acts of service.

Help Us Prepare for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is coming soon: June 1–4. There are many ways to support VBS before the week begins! Donate individually wrapped snacks, provide treats for the Volunteer Hospitality Room, sponsor a teen helper t-shirt, or help with setup and tear-down. Visit 2pc.org/vbs for specific details and to sign up to help.

Join Us in Prayer: Please join us in asking God to do great things in the lives of children and their families this year at VBS! Specifically, we are asking God for:

- Five new families to be welcomed into 2PC and join our church
- Five children to make a decision to trust and follow Jesus as their Savior

VBS Sunday: We look forward to having our VBS participants lead us in worship at 8:15 a.m. on June 7 for VBS Sunday! We'll close out the week that evening with another Gathering on the Grounds at 5:00 p.m. on the Poplar Field.

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.

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