



Created to be Seen
September 29, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

The trouble with steeling yourself against the harshness of reality is that the same steel that secures your life against being destroyed secures your life also against being opened up and transformed by the holy power that life itself comes from. You can survive on your own. You can grow strong on your own. You can even prevail on your own. But you cannot become human on your own.

- Frederick Buechner, *A Crazy Holy Grace*

Being known. Our Western world has long emphasized knowledge—factual information and “proof”—over the process of being known by God and others. No wonder, then, that despite all our technological advancements and the proliferation of social media, we are more intra- and interpersonally isolated than ever. Yet it is only when we are known that we are positioned to become conduits of love. And it is love that transforms our minds, makes forgiveness possible, and weaves a community of disparate people into the tapestry of God’s family. Attention.

- Curt Thompson, *Anatomy of the Soul*

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, September 30th	Psalm 140	Esther 4:1-17	1 Peter 1:3-9
Tuesday October 1st	Psalm 140	Esther 5:1-14	1 John 2:18-25
Wednesday the 2nd	Psalm 140	Esther 8:1-17	Matthew 18:6-9
Thursday the 3rd	Psalm 26	Job 2:11-3:26	Galatians 3:23-29
Friday the 4th	Psalm 26	Job 4:1-21	Romans 8:1-11
Saturday the 5th	Psalm 26	Job 7:1-21	Luke 16:14-18

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WELCOME

Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are glad you are here with us. We know that church can be hard to attend, sometimes because it is intimidating, sometimes because the week just seems to have been too hard, sometimes because the doubts seem too big. But Jesus rose from the dead and he has you here this morning, and for this we rejoice! We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.

For Parents:

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

Infant & Toddler Care

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

Children & Worship

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST + TRINITY

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost and lasts until the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth of the church through the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, the color of growth and new life.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Psalm 27:7-8

Gathering Hymn - This Is The Day

This is the day, this is the day!
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made!
I will rejoice, I will rejoice!
And be glad in it, and be glad in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made!

Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me a sinner
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me a sinner

Kyrie Eleison, Lord Jesus Christ
Kyrie Eleison, Have mercy on me a sinner
Have mercy on me a sinner

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:9

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

For The Beauty of The Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies

Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light

Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love, brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild

Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For Thy church that evermore, lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love

Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For Thyself best gift divine, to the world so freely given
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven

Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

Let This Heart Not Wander

Let my eyes see nothing
Let my eyes see nothing
But Your glory, my Lord
Let my eyes see nothing
Let my eyes see nothing
But Your glory, my Lord

Let this heart not wander
Let this heart not wander
From Your mercy, my Lord
Let this heart not wander
Let this heart not wander
From Your mercy, my Lord

May I always linger
May I always linger
In Your presence, my Lord
May I always linger
May I always linger
In Your presence, my Lord

I will ever praise You
I will ever praise You
You are worthy, my Lord
I will ever praise You
I will ever praise You
You are worthy, my Lord



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith

Blessing our Children

Jesus called the children to him and said,

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

September Memory Verse

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

Psalm Reading

Psalm 17:8; page 536

Gloria Patri

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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:22-3:21; page 3

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:12-15; page 1120

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:
Glory to you, O Lord!

Mark 10:17-22; page 1006

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Created to be Seen*

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

- *The Apostles' Creed*

Offering of Prayers of the People

A time of open prayer for the petitions and praises of our community.

Offering of Gifts

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said,
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5

Holy Father, there is nothing I have that You have not given me. All I have and am belong to You, bought with the blood of Jesus. To spend everything on myself, and to give without sacrifice, is the way of the world that You cannot abide.

But generosity is the way of those who call Christ their Lord; who love Him with free hearts and serve Him with renewed minds. Who withstand the delusion of riches that chokes the word; Whose hearts are in your kingdom and not in the systems of the world.

I am determined to increase in generosity until it can be said that there is no needy person among us. I am determined to be trustworthy with such a little thing as money that You may trust me with true riches.

Above all, I am determined to be generous because You, Father, are generous. It is the delight of Your daughters and sons to share Your traits, and to show what You are like to all the world. Amen.

-“Generosity Prayer”, Church of the City

Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God’s Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.



Doxology

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.



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth, Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Jesus ate and drank with sinners. Come to the table of our Lord.

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Father let Your kingdom come, Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come, Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Give us this day, our daily bread forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us
From the evil one, let Your kingdom come

Father let Your kingdom come, Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come, Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Give us this day, our daily bread forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us
From the evil one, let Your kingdom come

It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours
Forever and ever, the kingdom is Yours
[Repeat]

Father let Your kingdom come, Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come, Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

The church is now offering Sunday school at 9 am for adults, as well as children ages 3-7 and 8-13. Both children's classes meet in upstairs Logos classrooms, and the adults' class meets in the music room across from the church office.

The adults' class begins with a refresher course on Biblical literacy. We talk about the doctrine of scripture and what that means for us, as well as how to productively think about differences in genre. The class is fun and informative, with good opportunities for discussion.

Intro to Second City

If you are interested in joining the church or simply learning more about SCC, please join Pastor Peter for an Intro to Second City class on October 5th from 8:30-12. Please contact Pastor Peter for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ESL Opportunities to Serve

Our ESL (English as a Second Language) program is looking for more volunteers to join our team for this year. We need teachers, drivers, conversation partners, and childcare workers. We can use people even if you can't commit to every week. For more information please contact Val McClymont or Sarah Foose (717) 319-0222 at esl@secondcitychurch.org.

Made for More Women's Conference in Annapolis, MD November 15-16

Our presbytery is spreading the word about a special women's conference in Annapolis this November. Speakers will explore the needs for satisfaction, significance, and sufficiency. They will invite attendees to satisfy these needs by first seeking our Savior.

Details are available in brochures outside the Social Hall. Contact the church office if you'd like more information. The discount registration deadline is October 7.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Barb Koller and family

Darwin Leshar

Gail Pennay

Family and friends of Clair Webster

Sophia James, USAF

Elmer and Pat Cope

Dottie Roden

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please consider liking, following and subscribing to our social media! Also, when you see, read or watch something you like, share it with your friends. It's a helpful way to let others know we are here!

Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

_____ Visitor
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