



*Drinking the Cup*  
August 24, 2025  
*Eleventh Sunday of Trinitytide*



## MEDITATION

God, by the very perfection of His moral nature, cannot but be angry at sin – not only because of its destructiveness to humans, but, more important, because of its assault on His divine majesty. This is not the mere petulance of an offended deity because His commands are not obeyed. It is rather the necessary response of God to uphold His moral authority in His universe. And though God's wrath does not contain the sinful emotions associated with human wrath, it does contain a fierce intensity arising from His settled opposition to sin and His determination to punish it to the utmost.

-Jerry Bridges

Consider an argument from the less to the greater. In the human sphere he who loves purity and chastity and has no wrath against impurity and unchastity is a moral leper. He who pities the poor and defenseless and has no wrath against the oppressor who crushes the weak and slays the defenseless, but loves them too, is a fiend. Divine wrath is Divine Holiness in activity. Because God is holy He hates sin, and because He hates sin His anger burns against the sinner.

-A.W. Pink

*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, August 25th	Psalm 10	Jeremiah 7:1-15	Hebrews 3:7-4:11
Tuesday the 26th	Psalm 10	Jeremiah 7:16-26	Revelation 3:7-13
Wednesday the 27th	Psalm 10	Jeremiah 7:27-34	Luke 6:6-11
Thursday the 28th	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Jeremiah 11:1-17	1 Peter 3:8-12
Friday the 29th	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Jeremiah 12:1-13	1 Peter 4:7-11
Saturday the 30th	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22	Matthew 20:20-28

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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 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).

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by 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, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

*Please note that our services are live-streamed.*



## LITURGY OF PREPARATION

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

O Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

### **Gathering Hymn - This Is The Day**

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made

We will rejoice, we will rejoice

And be glad in it, and be glad in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made!

## Confession Hymn - Have Mercy

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me  
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy

Oh help my unbelief, oh help my unbelief  
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us  
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy  
Have mercy

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**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

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*2 Corinthians 5:11*

## Passing of the Peace

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

# Hymns of Praise and Adoration

## *Doxology*

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling  
To Him, to Him, to Him  
To Him, to Him, to Him  
[Repeat]

We are standing in His presence  
With our garments clean and white  
All glory, honor, power, majesty  
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling  
To Him, to Him, to Him  
To Him, to Him, to Him

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With our garments clean and white  
All glory, honor, power, majesty  
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling  
To Him, to Him, to Him  
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## ***Lord, I Need You***

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one, that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
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My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You



## 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.**

*August Memory Verse*

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

*John 6:29*

### **Psalm Reading**

*Psalm 75; page 576*

### **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**

*Jeremiah 25:17-19; page 776*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

*Revelation 14:9-11; page 1228*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Luke 22:41-44; page 1049*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Drinking the Cup*

## 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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all pastors, missionaries, and those who work in your church;

**That they may be faithful in their work and faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. . . .

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Offering of Gifts

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

*Proverbs 11:25*

*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 boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically on our website or by the QR code to the right.*



## 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 right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Sharing Holy Communion

## Closing Prayer

**O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

- Number 6:24-26

## **Closing Hymn - The Song of Blessing**

May God give you eyes to see  
All that is good, all that is good  
The courage for anything  
May you be strong, may you be strong

May God give you ears to hear  
His loving voice, His loving voice  
Speaking all around you  
All around... and deep inside  
*[Repeat]*

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Fall Sunday School Starting September 7**

Sunday school for the four weeks of September will start September 7. There will also be four weeks of Sunday school during the month of November. Classes will be broken into the following age groups:

Age 3 - 1st grade

2nd - 4th grade

5th - 8th grade

Classes will take place in the Logos wing of the church building. Exact locations for each group will be provided later.

### **Final Second Sunday Picnic at Negley Park September 14**

Don't miss our last picnic of the summer on Sunday, September 14! We will meet at the upper pavilion of Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### **Video Volunteers Needed**

The video team needs a volunteer or two to help produce our worship stream on Sunday mornings. Training is comprehensive. No experience necessary. General knowledge of personal computers is helpful. Please prayerfully consider this ministry. If you feel led please email [tech@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:tech@secondcitychurch.org) or text Tim at 717-433-2247.

### **Want to Share Your Pictures with Us?**

If you have pictures of the canoe float, recent picnics, or other church activities, feel free to share them with the Communications Team. The team may use them on our website or other online resources to keep our digital presence current. You can send pictures by email to Tim Cope or the church office at [tech@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:tech@secondcitychurch.org) or [office@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:office@secondcitychurch.org). Thanks.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden  
Darwin Leshar  
Virginia Anderson

Nevin White  
Sophia James, USAF  
Eleanor Orner  
Christine Zubrod Perrin

## 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!

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Instagram



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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.

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