



*The Seated King*  
July 6, 2025  
*Fourth Sunday of Trinitytide*



# MEDITATION

War must be, while we defend our lives against a destroyer who would devour all; but I do not love the bright sword for its sharpness, nor the arrow for its swiftness, nor the warrior for his glory. I love only that which they defend.

- Faramir in *The Two Towers*, J. R. R. Tolkien

War is the greatest plague that can afflict humanity; it destroys religion, it destroys states, it destroys families. Any scourge is preferable to it.

- Martin Luther

It is easy to think the State has a lot of different objects—military, political, economic, and what not. But in a way things are much simpler than that. The State exists simply to promote and to protect the ordinary happiness of human beings in this life.

A husband and wife chatting over a fire, a couple of friends having a game of darts in a pub, a man reading a book in his own room or digging in his own garden—that is what the State is there for. And unless they are helping to increase and prolong such moments, all the laws, parliaments, armies, courts, police, economics, etc., are simply a waste of time.

- C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*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, July 7th	Psalm 6	2 Kings 5:15-19a	Acts 19:21-27
Tuesday the 8th	Psalm 6	2 Kings 5:19b-27	Acts 19:28-41
Wednesday the 9th	Psalm 6	2 Kings 6:1-7	Luke 10:13-16
Thursday the 10th	Psalm 82	Amos 1:1-2:3	James 2:14-26
Friday the 11th	Psalm 82	Amos 2:4-11	Acts 7:9-16
Saturday the 12th	Psalm 82	Amos 2:12-3:8	John 3:16-21

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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

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!  
Say to God,

**“How awesome are your deeds!**

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

**All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”**

*Psalm 66:1-4*

### Gathering Hymn - Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His, wings, yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen? How Thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and, mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen, sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

## **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.

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness & Peace**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

## **Passing of the Peace**

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

# **Hymns of Praise and Adoration**

## ***He Is Exalted***

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
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## **Goodness of God**

I love You, Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In the darkest night, You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now, I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
[Repeat]

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God



## 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.**

*July Memory Verse*

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80:3

### **Psalm Reading**

*Psalm 68; page 569*

### **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**

*Numbers 10:35-36; page 140*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

*Ephesians 4:7-10; page 1161*

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 24:50-53; page 1052*

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

## Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *The Seated King*

## 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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*(A time of open prayer)*

○ Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**And grant us your salvation.**

○ Lord, guide those who govern us;

**And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**And let your people sing with joy.**

○ Lord, save your people;

**And bless your inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord;

**And defend us by your mighty power.**

Let not the needy, ○ Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, ○ God;

**And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Amen.**

## Offering of Gifts

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

*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**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace:**

**where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

## **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 - Hail To The Lord's Anointed**

*Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater Son  
Hail in the time appointed  
His reign on earth begun

He comes to break oppression  
To set the captive free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity

*[Chorus]*

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying  
Are precious in His sight

*[Chorus]*

The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove  
His Name shall stand forever  
That Name to us is Love

*[Chorus]*

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worshipping in Social Hall Until Further Notice**

We are worshipping in the Social Hall again this week and possibly the following week. We found the reason the air conditioning is not working in our Sanctuary and we are working on getting it fixed, but it is a problem that cannot be immediately resolved.

### **Second City Picnic and Canoe Trip Next Sunday, July 13**

Please join us next Sunday after church for a Second Sunday Picnic and Annual Canoe Trip! We will have a picnic at Lower Allen Park after the service (exact location will be provided later). The church will provide hot dogs and brats – please bring a side or dessert to share.

Following the picnic we will be canoeing down the Yellow Breeches Creek as a group (canoes, paddles, life jackets, and instruction will be provided). All ages are welcome and there is space for friends. Please contact Dave Tanis with any questions and with an approximate number of adults/children that will be paddling ([davidjtanis@gmail.com](mailto:davidjtanis@gmail.com) or 717.503.5179).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### **Upcoming Second Sunday Picnics at Negley Park**

Here are the dates and locations of the remaining picnics this summer:

8/10: Upper pavilion of Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne;

9/14: Upper pavilion of Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne.

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

If you have pictures of VBS, 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!

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  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Attendee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member

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