



Resurrection Life: Names
May 3, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



MEDITATION

The reality is God: worship or flee.

-Eugene Peterson

'God' said the Ghost, glancing round the landscape.

'God what?' asked the Spirit.

'What do you mean, "God what"?' asked the Ghost.

'In our grammar God is a noun.'

'Oh—I see. I only meant "By Gum" or something of the sort.'

-Lewis, The Great Divorce

We of the churches often gather our robes away from contamination, and thank God that we are not as other men. We don't despise God's name; in fact, we call upon it constantly to justify ourselves.

-Joy Davidman

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, May 4th	Psalm 102:1-17	Exodus 13:17-22	Acts 7:17-40
Tuesday the 5th	Psalm 102:1-17	Proverbs 3:5-12	Acts 7:44-56;
Wednesday the 6th	Psalm 102:1-17	Proverbs 3:13-18	John 8:31-38
Thursday the 7th	Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 6:5-22	Acts 27:1-12
Friday the 8th	Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 7:1-24	Acts 27:13-38
Saturday the 9th	Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 8:13-19	John 14:27-29

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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).

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. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

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

Easter is the greatest festival season of the Christian year. It begins with the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) and lasts for 50 days. After the long preparation of Lent, and the cold dreary winter months that accompany it, and the somber preparation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Sunday erupts into our hearts and souls as a joyous celebration filled with expectation of Christ's work among us. For 50 days we feast and celebrate Our Lord and his great victory. Easter themes are new life, joy, exuberance, resurrection, hope and love. The liturgical colors for Easter are white and gold.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Gathering Hymn - Oh! Great Is Our God!

Oh! Great is our God!
So we should worship greatly!
No song is too loud
No orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing

Oh! Great is our God!
So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways
How could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about
The gracious gifts You give

We will sing Your praise
And pour forth Your fame

We will bless Your name
Let everyone give thanks
Because our God is great!

Oh! Great is our God!
And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls
Affected by His greatness
His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace

We will sing Your praise
And pour forth Your fame
We will bless Your name
Let everyone give thanks
Because our God is great!
[Repeat]

Confession Hymn - Trisagion

Ho - ly God Ho - ly and might - y Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:8-14

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

Come, Christians Join To Sing

Come Christians join to sing, Alleluia amen
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia amen
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia amen
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia amen
He is our Guide and Friend, to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end, Alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia amen
Life shall not end the strain, Alleluia amen
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore, Alleluia amen
Alleluia amen

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater, what could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus



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.

May Memory Verse

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12

Psalm Reading

Psalm 20:1-9; page 539

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

Exodus 20:1-7 page 72

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-16; page 1160

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

John 12:27-33; 1068

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

Sermon

Jed Stalker - Resurrection Life: Names

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

Heavenly Father, when You breathed into us the breath of life, you shaped and formed us so each one is unique yet all are in Your image, We praise You!

Jesus, God the Son - Resurrection and Life, you chose to die and rise from the dead to free us from sin and death, and give us eternal life. We praise You!

Living Spirit, who sustains our life by Your presence, you give us strength when we are weak; direction when we are lost; and love at all times. We praise You!

We praise you for hope that's ours because of Jesus' resurrection: Hope to face life with courage and meet death in peace; Hope to sustain us in dark times, for we know our life's light comes with the rising Son.

Therefore, we can pray with expectant hope.

For those who need healing in spirit, soul, mind and body ...

For those who need comfort in grief and guidance when confused ...

For those who are without necessities of life ...

For those who have no gospel witness in their own tongue and culture ...

For those who celebrate new life ...

This we pray, in the name that is above every God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit: We praise you even in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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. We are bound to praise you chiefly for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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 are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

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

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

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!

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Closing Prayer

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Hebrews 13:20-21

Closing Hymn - Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Chorus

You will reign forever
(let Your glory fill the Earth)
You will reign forever
(let Your glory fill the Earth)
You will reign forever
(let Your glory fill the Earth)
You will reign forever
(let Your glory fill the Earth)

Chorus

Dismissal

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Hallelujah! Amen.



ATTRIBUTIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Senior Saints Lunch May 6

The next Senior Saints gathering takes place on Wednesday, May 6. We will meet in the Social Hall at 12:30. Plan to join us if you can!

Sunday Picnics Starting After Church May 17

Our summer picnic tradition resumes this month! Because Mother's Day is May 10, our May picnic is scheduled for the third Sunday in May on the 17th. The dates for the following months fall on the Second Sunday of each month: June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13. All picnics will take place after church in the Upper Pavilion at Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne. We hope to see you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Reminders for Election Day, May 19

Tuesday, May 19 is the next primary election, and once again, the church will be serving as a polling place. The county requires all visitors other than voters not to enter the Social Hall but to use alternate doors to enter and exit the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Opinion, Please

Tell the world what you think about Second City Church! We would appreciate your thoughts and feelings. Please post your reviews here: <https://g.page/r/CUcSD7VFzpLoEAl/review>
Your review will show up in our Google business profile. Your review will help us reach into our community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson
Greg Nies
Sophia James, USAF

Elizabeth James
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Jon Yawger
Donna Weatherly

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

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

Phone: _____

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Prayer

Requests: _____

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