



Unequally Yoked
October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

There have been times when I think we do not desire heaven, but more often I find myself wondering whether in our heart of hearts, we have ever desired anything else. . . . It is the secret signature of each soul, the uncommunicable and unappeasable want, the thing we desired before we met our wives or make our friends or chose our work, and which we shall still desire on our deathbeds when the mind no longer knows wife or friend or work.

-C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

The way to heaven is ascending; we must be content to travel uphill, though it be hard and tiresome, and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.

- Jonathan Edwards

Still, let us both take heart of hope and of faith. The link between father and son is not only of the perishable flesh: it must have something of *aeternitas* about it. There is a place called 'heaven' where the good here unfinished is completed; and where the stories unwritten, and the hopes unfulfilled, are continued. We may laugh together yet.

- J. R. R. Tolkien, *Letters*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, October 20th	Psalm 102:1-17	Jeremiah 29:8-23	Acts 26:24-29
Tuesday the 21st	Psalm 102:1-17	Jeremiah 29:24-32	Ephesians 6:10-20
Wednesday the 22nd	Psalm 102:1-17	Jeremiah 25:15-32	Matthew 10:5-15
Thursday the 23rd	Psalm 119:97-104	Jeremiah 26:1-15	Acts 17:22-34
Friday the 24th	Psalm 119:97-104	Jeremiah 26:16-24	2 Timothy 2:14-26
Saturday the 25th	Psalm 119:97-104	Jeremiah 31:15-26	Mark 10:46-52

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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

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

- Psalm 36:5-9

Gathering Hymn -Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God we praise Thy name, Lord of all we bow before Thee
All on earth Thy sceptre claim, all in heaven above adore Thee
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign

Hark the loud celestial hymn, angel choirs above are raising
Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heavens with sweet accord, holy holy holy Lord

Holy Father Holy Son, Holy Spirit Three we name Thee
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ 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 5:17-21

In Christ Jesus 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

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
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Three-in-one
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The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil, and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forever more
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee



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.

October Memory Verse

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

2 Corinthians 1:5

Psalm Reading

Psalm 45:1-4; page 556

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

Proverbs 31:23-31; page 655

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; page 1148

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord!

Matthew 19:1-6; page 979

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Unequally Yoked*

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.



For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray especially for [...]

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich

2 Corinthians 8:9

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 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

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

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life. Give us wisdom and devotion in the ordering of our common life, that we may be a strength to those in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Grant that our wills may be so knit together in your will, and our spirits in your Spirit, that we may grow in love and peace with you and one another. Give us grace, when we hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge our faults, and to seek other's forgiveness and yours. Make our life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. Amen.

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn - Take my Life, and Let it Be

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose
Every power as Thou shalt choose

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
Ever, only, all for Thee

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vespers Service Tonight

Join us here tonight at 6 pm for a vespers worship service.

Fall Back November 2

Remember to change your clocks back and plan for an extra hour of sleep on Saturday, November 1 as we return to standard time on Sunday, November 2.

Joint Worship Service with Congolese Church on November 9

At 10 am on Sunday, November 9, we will have a joint worship service with the Congolese congregation that normally worships in our building Sunday afternoons. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness with this joyful body of believers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of her parents, Elder Emeritus and Mrs. Franklin Anderson and her brother Richard F. Anderson by Virginia Anderson.

New Church Directory

The church is updating its directory, so please make sure your contact information is current. Even if you haven't moved, you may have a new phone number, email address, or family member. You can update your information by filling out the back page of a church bulletin or by emailing your information to office@secondcitychurch.org. If submitting by email, please be sure to include:

- Names of everyone in your family
- Mailing address (including city and ZIP code)
- Phone numbers
- Email addresses

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to
pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshar
Virginia Anderson
Elizabeth James

Nevin White
Sophia James, USAF
Eleanor Orner
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Jon Yawger

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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):

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