



A Missionary People
May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter



MEDITATION

Mission, from the point of view of our human endeavor, means the committed participation of God's people in the purposes of God for the redemption of the whole creation. The mission is God's. The marvel is that God invites us to join in.

- Christopher J.H. Wright, *The Mission of God*

The church is not a provider of goods and services, but the people of God sent on mission.

- George Huntsberger

The church is not something you go to, it is something that goes, it is a people who goes.

- Harvie Conn

The Church is by nature missionary to the extent that, if it ceases to be missionary, it has not just failed in one of its tasks, it has ceased being Church.

- J. Andrew Kirk, *What is Mission?: Theological Explorations*, 30.

The church is a movement launched into the life of the world to bear in its own life God's gift of peace for the life of the world.

- Lesslie Newbigin, *The Open Secret*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, May 26th	Psalm 93	1 Chronicles 12:16-22	Revelation 21:5-14
Tuesday the 27th	Psalm 93	2 Chronicles 15:1-15	Revelation 21:15-22
Wednesday the 28th	Psalm 93	2 Chronicles 34:20-33	Luke 2:25-38
Thursday the 29th	Psalm 93	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53, Ephesians 1:15-23
Friday the 30th	Psalm 97	Exodus 33:12-17	Revelation 22:6-9
Saturday the 31st	Psalm 97	Exodus 33:18-23	John 1:14-18

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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 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 - 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

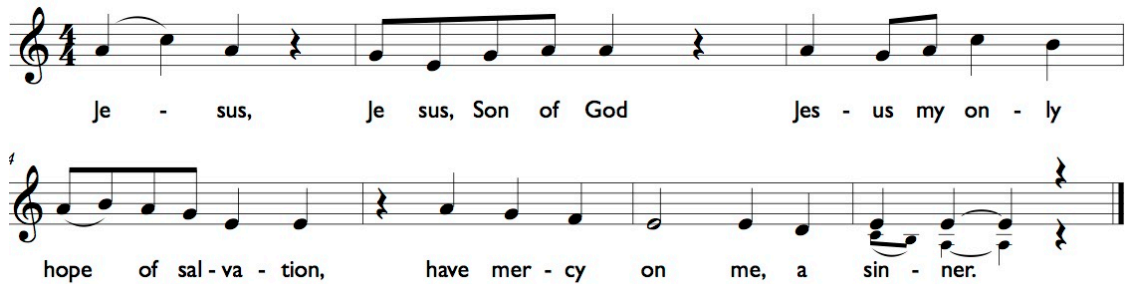
On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore

Singing forevermore

Alleluia amen

Confession Hymn - *Jesus, My Only Hope*



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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

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

Shout To The North

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth
[Repeat]

We've been through fire, we've been through rain
We've been refined, by the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper, in love with You
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth
[Repeat]

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth
[Repeat]

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



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

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” *John 20:17*

Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:1-7; page 621

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 19:4-6; page 71

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:15-21; page 1168

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 28:16-20 - page 993

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

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *A Missionary People*

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

Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering of Gifts

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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 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

Leader: Holy holy holy Lord

People: Holy holy holy Lord

Leader: God of power and might

People: God of power and might

Leader: Heaven and earth are full of your glory

People: Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Leader: Hosanna in the highest
People: Hosanna in the highest

Leader: Blessed is he who comes
People: Blessed is he who comes

Leader: In the name of the Lord
People: In the name of the Lord

Leader: Hosanna in the highest
People: Hosanna in the highest

(Together) 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

The Gifts of God for the People of God!

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 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

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

- Ephesians 3:20-21

Closing Hymn - The Lord's Prayer

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]

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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for Second Sunday Picnics This Summer

Our Second Sunday picnics have just gotten started! Here are the dates and locations for the following months:

6/10 : UPPER pavilion of Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne;
7/13: Includes option to join in the annual canoeing event--location to be announced;
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.

Missions Team Meeting Sunday, June 1

The Missions Team will meet after church on June 1 to share updates on current missions partners and to consider adding new partners.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Interested in Volunteering with VBS Next Month?

We are excited for what this summer holds for our children's ministry at Second City! Our hope is to host a three evening VBS June 11-13, but we can't do it without your help. If you are interested in helping in any way or would like to learn more about the program, please contact Hannah Hollander at hannah@secondcitychurch.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson

Nevin White
Sophia James, USAF
Eleanor Orner

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: _____

E-mail: _____

Prayer
Requests: _____

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