



The Beautiful Answer "No"
July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

In fact, prayer is one of God's chief ways of educating you spiritually. It's in the school of prayer that your soul will really develop, expand and reach its highest enjoyment.
- Benjamin Palmer

The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes.
- Tony Blair

No is not a curse word. No is a complete sentence.
- Anne Lammott

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 29th	Psalm 37:12-22	2 Samuel 11:14-21	Philippians 4:10-20
Tuesday the 30th	Psalm 37:12-22	2 Samuel 11:22-27	Romans 15:22-33
Wednesday the 31st	Psalm 37:12-22	2 Chronicles 9:29-31	Mark 6:35-44
Thursday, August 1st	Psalm 51:1-12	Exodus 32:19-26a	1 Corinthians 11:17-22
Friday the 2nd	Psalm 51:1-12	Joshua 23:1-16	1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Saturday the 3rd	Psalm 51:1-12	Judges 6:1-10	Matthew 16:5-12

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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).

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

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.

Note: Our pastor, Peter Rowan, is currently on Sabbatical until September 1. We are pleased to be supporting him and his family during this time of rest. Please welcome Reverend Dale Kulp, who will be preaching today.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:1-7

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 - Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, on my soul
[Repeat]

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

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 5:21

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

Rejoice In The Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice, rejoice
And again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice
And again I say, rejoice!
[Repeat]

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

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Matthew 28:19

Psalm Reading

Psalm 14; page 534

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

Joshua 5:13-15; page 214

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21; 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 6:16-21; page 1059

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Dale Kulp - *The Beautiful Answer "No"*

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

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer you our prayers for all people.

God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called. [*Silence*]

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people. [*Silence*]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.
Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures. [*Silence*]

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.
Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears.
Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth. [*Silence*]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 - We Abide, We Abide In You

We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
we abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Fruit growing from our strength and labor
rain on us with grace and favor
we abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You.

Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You we bear no fruit!
O plant my feet down by the river
we abide, we abide in You

We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
we abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You we bear no fruit!
O plant my feet down by the river
we abide, we abide in You

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missions Committee Meeting August 4 After Church

Missions Committee members, please plan to stay after the worship service on August 4 for a short meeting. The committee will meet in the music room, across from the church office.

Second Logos Academy Verbeke Beach Bash August 10

Thanks to those who helped make our first Logos Academy Verbeke Beach Bash a success in June! Many from the school and local community stopped by and had a great time. We are hosting a second beach bash on August 10 and anticipate even more visitors. Please join us for some more summer fun!

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this event can sign up for a two-hour time slot using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44ACAD2CA5FDC34-50019272-june>



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Upcoming Second Sunday Picnics at Negley Park This Summer

Please mark your calendars for two more dates for food, fun, and fellowship at Negley Park on Aug 11 and Sept 8!

Want to Get More Involved in the Life of the Church?

There are a few areas within the church that would love to welcome new volunteers right now. If you're interested in learning more about how you might serve on these teams, get in touch with the contact people listed below:

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Barb Koller and family

Darwin Leshner

Sophia James, USAF

Gail Pennay

Cindy Russo

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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!

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Instagram



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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
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Name(s):

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