



Resurrection Life - The Law and Living in the Spirit
July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

No strength of nature can suffice
To serve the Lord aright:
And what she has she misapplies,
For want of clearer light.

How long beneath the Law I lay
In bondage and distress;
I toiled the precept to obey,
But toiled without success.

Then, to abstain from outward sin
Was more than I could do;
Now, if I feel its power within,
I feel I hate it too.

Then all my servile works were done
A righteousness to raise;
Now, freely chosen in the Son,
I freely choose His ways.

'What shall I do,' was then the word,
'That I may worthier grow?'
'What shall I render to the Lord?'
Is my inquiry now.

To see the law by Christ fulfilled
And hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child,
And duty into choice.

- William Cooper, *Love Constraining to Obedience*

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 28th	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Genesis 27:30-46	Romans 1:18-25
Tuesday, July 29th	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Genesis 29:1-14	Romans 3:1-8
Wednesday, the 30th	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Genesis 29:31-35	John 13:1-17
Thursday, the 31st	Psalm 119:105-112	Exodus 3:1-6	Romans 2:12-16
Friday August, 1st	Psalm 119:105-112	Deuteronomy 32:1-10	Romans 15:14-21
Saturday August, 2nd	Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 2:1-4	John 12:44-50

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

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

Gathering Hymn - On Christ The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Confession Hymn - We Cry Mercy

Leader: Lord have mercy
People: Lord have mercy

Leader: Christ have mercy
People: Christ have mercy

Together: O Lord have mercy on us

[Repeat]

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Almighty God, Forgive us our sins. Forgive us for the many ways we have profaned your holy name to one another, to our neighbors, to those who are far off among the nation. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to walk in Your ways and delight in Your path, bearing fruits of love and service in all we think, do and say. Amen

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

- ¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
- ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight, around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night, in praise to You alone

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee, before our sov'reign God

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea, and ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars, in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore



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

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein

Psalm 24:1

Psalm Reading

Psalm 119:1-7; page 606

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

Ezekiel 36:22-26; page 860

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:1-11; page 1122

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 5:17-20; page 963

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Resurrection Life - The Law and Living in the Spirit*

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

Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

We ask Your blessing on the people in this place.

May the despairing find hope—and proud be humbled.

May the doubting find faith—and the anxious be encouraged.

May the tempted find help—and the sorrowful find comfort.

May the weary find rest—and the strong be renewed.

May the lonely find a friend—and the cluttered find stillness.

May the older one find consolation—and the younger be inspired.

And may You find glory in our worship—and we find joy in You.

Now, Lord: pour out Your Holy Spirit of grace and love today
that we might love you with all of our being
and find it our life to walk in the ways of our Lord.

For what else shall we pray?

This we pray to Your glory ... and in your name. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said,
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5

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

Holy God, whom neither earth nor heaven can contain, we gather around the mystery of your grace. You called your chosen people to abide with you in covenant and steadfast love, and through them you called all the peoples of the earth to know your name and come before you in godly fear. When your children wondered if you would indeed dwell upon the earth, you embodied and renewed your covenant in the flesh of your Son Jesus Christ. And so we thank you and praise you, joining with the cherubim and seraphim and all the company of heaven, singing the never-ending hymn of your glory.

Sanctus

Holy, most holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light

Oh blessed is the one, the one who comes

Comes in the name of God

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to love your word and your law and have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy leading; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 - Father Let Your Kingdom Come

Refrain:

Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy

[Refrain]

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
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[Refrain]

You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new

[Refrain]

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Second Sunday Picnic Scheduled for Next Sunday

The remaining summer picnic dates are next Sunday July 12, August 9, and September 13. We hope to see you there! Please bring a side dish to share. All picnics take place after church in the Upper Pavilion at Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne.

Next Senior Saints Gathering Tuesday, July 21

The date that works for our next Senior Saints' gathering seems to be a Tuesday instead of Wednesday this month. We'll meet at 12:30 in the Social Hall for lunch and a time of worship and fellowship. Please bring \$10 as a contribution toward the cost of lunch. If you're available to meet that day, please join us!

Seeking New Church Administrator

We are still looking for a new administrator. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Pastor Peter as soon as possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Revised Date for Annual Canoe Trip Sunday, July 26

Please join us after church on July 26 for our annual canoe trip! This is a fun outing open to the entire church and guests. All ages are welcome, and no previous boating experience is required. Here are the plans so far:

- Canoes, paddles, life jackets, and instruction will be provided.
- Bring a change of clothes to church that day, as well as a lunch for yourself and your family--we will not have a picnic before canoeing.
- Please contact Dave Tanis with any questions and with an approximate number of adults/ children that will be paddling (davidjtanis@gmail.com or 717.503.5179).

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

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