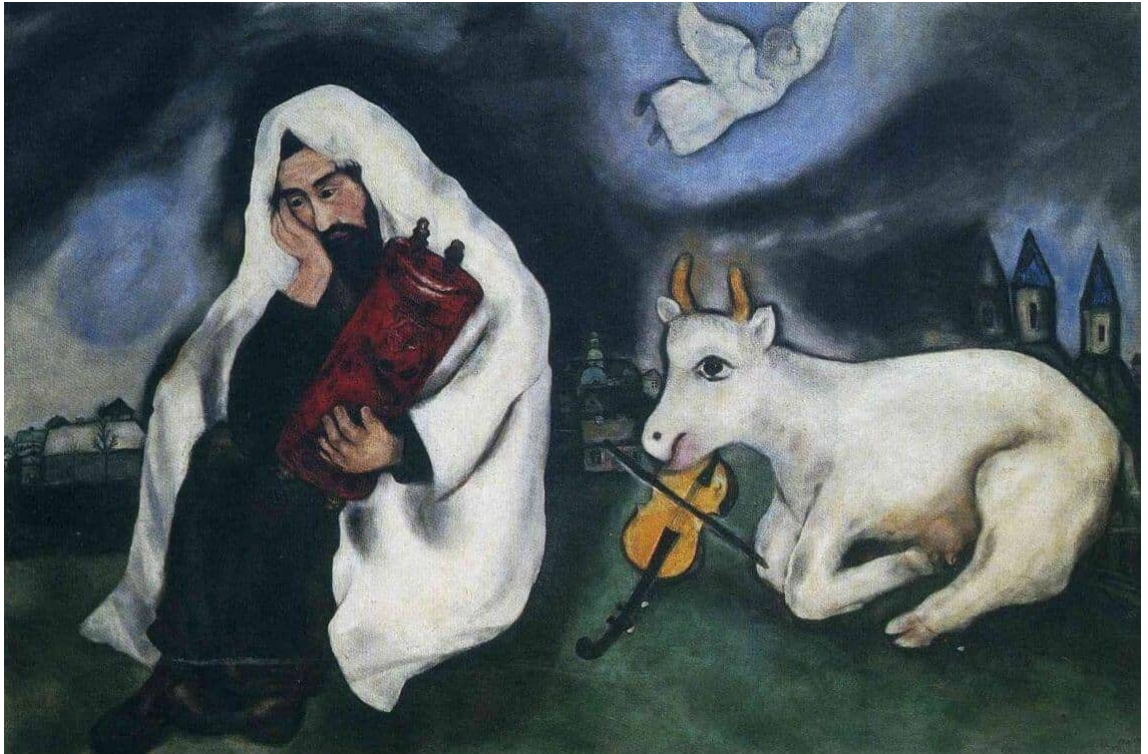




I Cry Aloud to God
July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

If through all your discouragements your condition proves worse and worse, so that you can not pray, but are struck dumb when you come into his presence, as David, then fall making signs when you cannot speak; groan, sigh, sob, “chatter,” as Hezekiah did; bemoan yourself for your unworthiness, and desire Christ to speak your requests for you, and God to hear him for you.

- Thomas Goodwin

The real difficulty is—isn’t it—to adapt one’s steady belief about tribulation to this particular tribulation; for the particular, when it arrives, always seems so peculiarly intolerable.

- C. S. Lewis

Days of trouble must be days of prayer; in days of inward trouble, especially when God seems to have withdrawn from us, we must seek him, and seek till we find him. In the days of his trouble he did not seek for the diversions of business or recreation, to share off his trouble that way, but he sought God, and his favor and grace. Those that are under trouble of mind must not think to drink it away, or laugh it away, but pray it away.

- Matthew Henry

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 20th	Psalm 139:13-18	Genesis 32:3-21	Revelation 14:12-20
Tuesday the 21st	Psalm 139:13-18	Genesis 33:1-17	Galatians 4:21-5:1
Wednesday the 22nd	Psalm 139:13-18	Genesis 35:16-29	Matthew 12:15-21
Thursday the 23rd	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Genesis 29:1-8	1 Corinthians 4:14-20
Friday the 24th	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Genesis 29:9-14	Acts 7:44-53
Saturday the 25th	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Genesis 29:31-30:24	Matthew 12:38-42

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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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!**

Psalm 84:1-4

Gathering Hymn - I Will Sing

With my mouth
I will tell of Your faithfulness
I'll declare Lord Your covenant
With my life
[Repeat]

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing of the Lord's great love
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing, oh, I will sing

Lord, You are
The glory of all our strength
Your presence along the way
For all our days

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing of the Lord's great love
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing, oh, I will sing

Oh Lord, God Almighty who is like You?
Oh Lord, God Almighty none beside You
Oh Lord, God Almighty
All the earth and sky belong to You

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing of the Lord's great love
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing, oh, I will sing
Of His great love, I will sing

Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy

5 D G D A D

Lord, have mer - cy. A - - - men.

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C), and a bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second system also has two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy. A - - - men.' Above the treble staff, the notes D, G, D, A, and D are written above the first five measures of the second system.

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

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 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 8:31-34

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
[Repeat]

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence, to cheer and to guide
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me



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 77; page 577

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

Jeremiah 20:7-9; page 770

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4:16-18; page 1183

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord!

Mark 15:33-34; page 1014

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *I Cry Aloud to God*

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all pastors, missionaries, and those who work in your church;

That they may be faithful in their work and faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. . . .

Silence

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 11:25

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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
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
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

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

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 - 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

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

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are placed in loving memory of her dear friend Elizabeth (Libby) Gilbert by Dottie Roden.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Annual Canoe Trip Next 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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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.

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