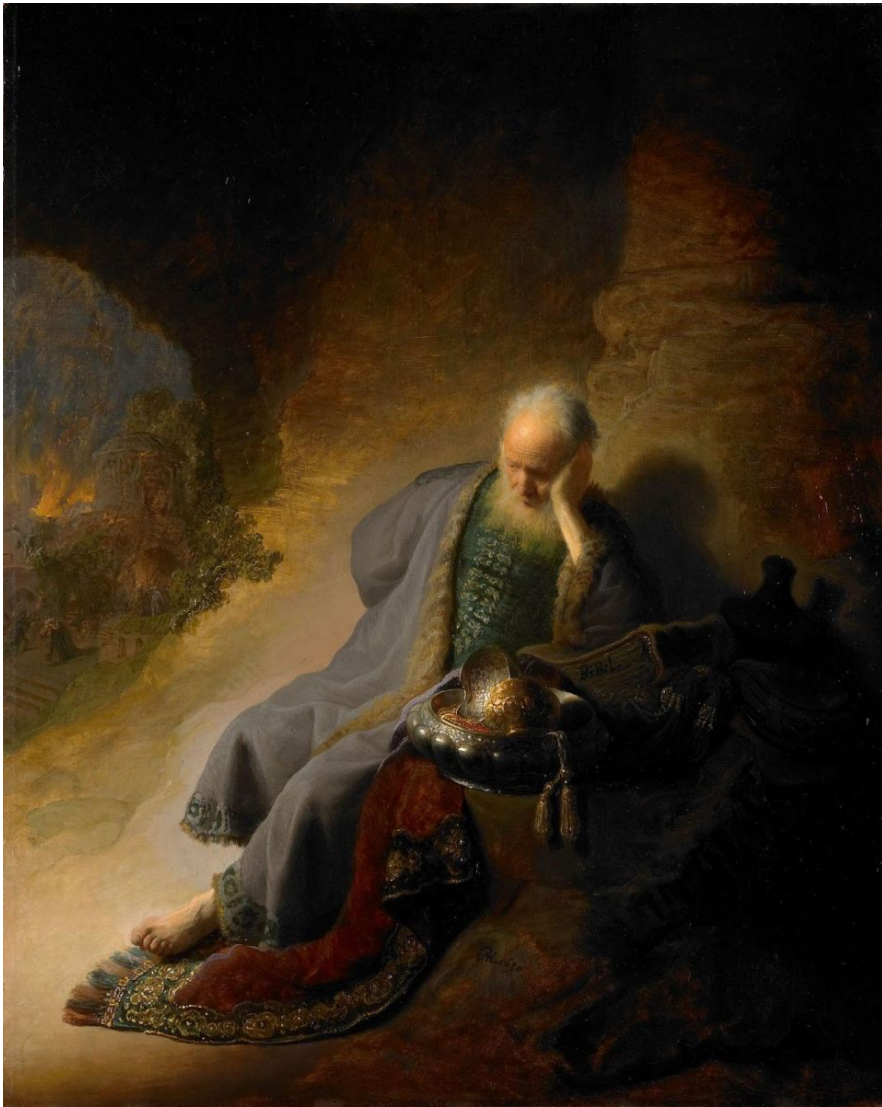




Will He Defend His Honor?
August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

We are called, then, to stretch out the arms of our minds and hearts, and to find ourselves, Christ shaped, cross shaped, at the intersection of the past, present and future of God's time and our own time. This is a place of intense pain and intense joy, the sort that perhaps only music and poetry can express or embody. The Psalms are gifts that help us not only to think wisely about the overlaps and paradoxes of time, but to live within the, to reach out in the day of trouble and remind ourselves - and not only ourselves, but also the mysterious one whom the Psalms calls "you" - of the story in which we live. Past, present, and future belong to him. We are called to live, joyfully and painfully, in the story that is both his and ours, Our times are in his hands.

-N.T.Wright, *The Case for the Psalms*

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, August 3rd	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Genesis 31:22-42	Romans 1:8-15
Tuesday the 4th	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Genesis 32:3-21	Acts 2:37-47
Wednesday the 5th	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 43:1-7	Matthew 15:32-39
Thursday the 6th	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Genesis 35:22b-29	Acts 17:10-15
Friday the 7th	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Genesis 36:1-8	Acts 18:24-28
Saturday the 8th	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Genesis 37:5-11	Matthew 16:1-4

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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

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Gathering Hymn - Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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

His Mercy Is More

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from every eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from every eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from every eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!



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.

August Memory Verse

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

John 6:29

Psalm Reading

Psalm 79; page 580

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 10:19-25; page 759

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:1-5; page 1212

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 7:15-20; page 965

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Will He Defend His Honor?*

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 for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You have enriched Your Church with the proclamation of the Gospel. Grant that we may firmly believe these glad tidings and daily walk according to Your Word.

Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son proclaimed, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Enable us by Your Spirit to turn from the rival kingdoms of this world to follow Jesus as the true King. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of love, teach us to look, live and love more like Jesus. Daily dying to self and living for You, may our lives be conformed to the image of Your Son, our servant King. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, guide us to make manifest the love and strength of Christ to our troubled and fearful world. Deliver us from disease and everything else that would threaten our homes and families. Protect the police, firefighters, disaster-relief workers and medical personnel who attend to us, as well as the places where we live and work. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, give Your aid and relief to all who suffer want or need, to the sick in their afflictions, to those troubled in mind, and to those to whom death draws near. Heal and sustain them according to Your gracious will, and preserve them in faith to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

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

Proverbs 11:25

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, 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

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion,

nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good

works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and

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 - We Abide, We Abide

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

Monday Choir Practices

This Summer, every other Monday night from 6:30-8, there is a choir practice at church. All are welcome to join. If interested, please contact Jess Reapsome at:

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Young Mothers Group

There is a young mother's group that meets regularly during the school year on Wednesday mornings and occasionally through the summer. If you are interested or know of others who may be, please contact either Jess or Hannah: jess@secondcitychurch.org,

hannah@secondcitychurch.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Second Sunday Picnics

Join us at the upper pavilion at Negley Park in Lemoyne immediately after church on August 9th and September 13 for our Second Sunday Second City Picnics. These are a great way to connect with other and get to know new people in our church. SCC will provide hot dogs, chips, drinks and plates and utensils. Please plan to bring a side of a dessert to share.

Leave us a Review!

Often we hear that folk find our church online. One of the ways they do this is through reviews, particularly reviews on Google. If you would take a moment and leave us a review on Google maps that will help other find out church and be greatly appreciated!

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.

- _____ Visitor
- _____ Regular Attendee
- _____ Member

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

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