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Listen and Sing!
August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

To listen is very hard, because it asks of us so much interior stability that we no longer need to prove ourselves by speeches, arguments, statements, or declarations. True listeners no longer have an inner need to make their presence known. They are free to receive, to welcome, to accept.

Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even to dare to be silent with you.

-Henri Nouwen, *Bread of the Journey*

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

- C. S. Lewis

The point is not that this world is too sad to love or too glad not to love; the point is that when you do love a thing, its gladness is a reason for loving it, and its sadness a reason for loving it more.

-G. K. Chesterton

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, August 17th	Psalm 130	Genesis 43:1-34	Acts 15:1-21
Tuesday the 18th	Psalm 130	Genesis 44:1-34	Romans 11:13-29
Wednesday the 19th	Psalm 130	Genesis 45:16-28	Matthew 8:1-13
Thursday the 20th	Psalm 124	Genesis 49:1-33	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Friday the 21st	Psalm 124	Genesis 49:29-50:14	2 Corinthians 10:12-18
Saturday the 22nd	Psalm 124	Genesis 50:15-26	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).

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

Sing aloud to God our strength;

shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.

**Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.**

Psalm 81:1-3

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

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 - 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 with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) 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. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second system also has two staves with the same key and time signatures. The melody continues 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 in the second system, the letters 'D', 'G', 'D', 'A', and 'D' are written above the notes. The number '5' is written above the first note of the treble staff in 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

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 5:11

In Christ Jesus 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

Bonhoeffer's Prayer

Lord, early in the morning, we cry unto You
In You, there is light, when I cannot see
In You, there is love, patience, and peace
Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

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I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast
I came to Jesus as I was
So weary, worn, and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one
Stoop down and drink, and live
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived
And now I live in him

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's light
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done



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 81; page 582

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

Deuteronomy 31:9-13; page 204

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:5-16; page 1169

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 7:10-19; page 1061

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Listen and Sing!*

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

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Proverbs 11:24

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

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

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; 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 - Your Love Is My Song

Your love is my song and I'll sing it
Your grace is the time and I'll keep it
I'm sticking to your rhythm, my whole life long
O Lord, Your love is my song

I heard that song, when I was younger
I got swept up in the beautiful sound
Though even now, in the earth full of wonder
I hear Your music all around!

Your love is my song and I'll sing it
Your grace is the time and I'll keep it
I'm sticking to your rhythm, my whole life long
O Lord, Your love is my song

I'm joining in to the chorus around me
Everyone's got something to give
I'm tuning in to the neighbor beside me
You sing the words out when I forget!

Your love is my song and I'll sing it
Your grace is the time and I'll keep it
I'm sticking to your rhythm, my whole life long
O Lord, Your love is my song

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: jess@secondcitychurch.org.

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

Want to Share Your Pictures with Us?

If you have pictures of the canoe float, recent picnics, or other church activities, feel free to share them with the Communications Team. The team may use them on our website or other online resources to keep our digital presence current. You can send pictures by email to Tim Cope or the church office at tech@secondcitychurch.org or office@secondcitychurch.org. Thanks.

Second Sunday Picnics

Our last SCC Second Sunday picnic will be Sept 13 at Negley Park. 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue
to pray for:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson
Greg Nies
Nathaniel & Sophia Dorris, USAF

Elizabeth James
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Jon Yawger
Bruce & Donna Weatherly

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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

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