



Passover and the Grace of God
October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

The Gospel of grace must not be turned into a bait-and-switch offer. It is not one of those airline supersavers in which you read of a \$59.00 fare to Orlando only to find, when you try to buy a ticket, that the six seats per flight at that price are all taken and that the trip will now cost you \$199.95. Jesus must not be read as having baited us with grace only to clobber us in the end with law. For as the death and resurrection of Jesus were accomplished once and for all, so the grace that reigns by those mysteries reigns eternally - even in the thick of judgment.

- Robert Farrar Capon, *Kingdom, Grace and Judgment*

I don't understand many things about the incarnation, things that may be impossible for human beings to ever fully understand. But here's something I know: Through the incarnation, Jesus entered into human suffering – both in the ultimate sense that He took our sin and God's judgment on Himself and in the day-to-day sense that He made His dwelling in a human body with all its vulnerability to pain and brokenness. He wept. He sweated and prayed. He was beaten. He touched suffering people and power went out from Him to heal them. He did all this to satisfy God's justice – and to live out God's love.

- John Perkins, *Dream With Me*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, October 12th	Psalm 97	Exodus 32:15-35	Jude 17-25
Tuesday the 13th	Psalm 97	Exodus 33:1-6	Philippians 3:13-4:1
Wednesday the 14th	Psalm 97	2 Kings 17:7-20	John 6:25-35
Thursday the 15th	Psalm 99	Exodus 33:7-11	3 John 9-12
Friday the 16th	Psalm 99	Exodus 31:1-11	1 Peter 5:1-5
Saturday the 17th	Psalm 99	Exodus 39:32-43	Matthew 14:1-12

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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

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

- Psalm 36:5-9

Gathering Hymn -Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

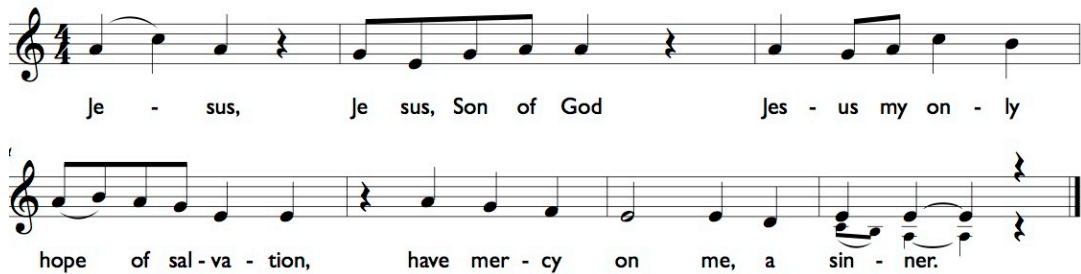
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Confession Hymn - Jesus My Only Hope



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

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

In Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be 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

Baptism of Roni Lee Wolfe

Do you receive Roni as your family in Christ and do you promise to give the gifts God has given to you all to encourage her as he follows Jesus.

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Roni now before you in your care?

We will.

Affirmations of the Congregation

We will surround Roni with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Roni Lee Wolfe you are..

Left side of congregation: **Dead to sin!**

Right side: **Alive to God!**

All: **In Christ Jesus!**

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store

When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon, this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Nothing good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus



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.

October Memory Verse

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

Psalm Reading

Psalm 78:48-55; page 579

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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12: 1-13, 21-27; page 63

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8; page 1134

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 19:34-37; page 1076

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Passover and the Grace of God*

Offering of Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray especially for [...]

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich

2 Corinthians 8:9

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.

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.



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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 God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Holy God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

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
Therefore let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 - On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more
[Chorus]

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?
[Chorus]

Dismissal

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Christianity Explored" Sunday School Class

From October 4 to November 22, the Adult Sunday School will be watching and discussing the Christianity Explored video series, which explains Christianity in beginners' terms, drawing from the Gospel of Mark. This is a great course for everyone who wants to grow in the faith, and is also useful as an evangelistic tool. Invite a friend! 9 am in the Social Hall.

A new small group is starting up!

You're invited to Dale and Shelley Kulp's house on the Second Sunday of the Month, to read and consider A.W. Pink's 'The Attributes of God.' (The first meeting will be on October 18th, which is the third Sunday.) Joe Sawanowich will lead the discussion; meetings will begin at 6 PM.

"All Our Minds"

Come explore our new theology discussion group! This will meet at the church on second Wednesdays at 7; the first meeting will be October 14th. We will learn systematics from the great theologian Herman Bavink over the course of the year. There will be brief readings to think through each month. And snacks!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Shaffer Retreat Campout, Worship and Picnic October 17-18

The retreat begins at 4 pm on Saturday 10/17. There will be a 10 am worship service on Sunday 10/18 at Shaffer retreat followed by a picnic. See more details in the newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter, and would like to, please email office@secondcitychurch.org

* There will not be a worship service at the church building on Verbeke Street on October 18. Worship will be held at Shaffer Retreat. There will also not be an online service that day.

Weekday Church Entrance

When you come to the church during the school day, Logos has asked that we only use our alcove entrance (the entrance between the two building from the parking lot) and sign the document at that entrance so we know who all is in the building and where they are. Please keep this in mind if you come to the church during school hours. Thank you.

Children's Sunday school

Children's Sunday School classes are from 9:00-10:00 am for children 3yrs-8th grade. We will meet October 4, and November 1, 8, 15, and 22. Parents are invited to attend the adult Sunday School hour, which meets at the same time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue
to pray for the following people:

Erica Bryce
Andrew & Rachel Crago
Virginia Anderson
Darwin Leshner
Nathaniel & Sophia Dorris, USAF

Dottie Roden
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Elizabeth James
Jon Yawger
Greg Nies
Bruce & Donna Weatherly

SOCIAL MEDIA

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!

Facebook



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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