



No Tribal Deity
July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

God created man in his own image and man, and man has been trying to repay the favor ever since.

- Voltaire, *Notebooks*

Q.What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism question 1

Readings for the coming week

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 the 26th	Psalm 27:1-20	2 Samuel 11:14-21	Philippians 4:10-20
Tuesday, the 27th	Psalm 27:1-20	2 Samuel 11:22-27	Romans 15:22-33
Wednesday the 28th	Psalm 27:1-20	2 Chronicles 9:29-31	Mark 6:35-44
Thursday the 29th	Psalm 51:1-19	Exodus 32:19-26a	1 Corinthians 11:17-26
Friday the 30th	Psalm 51:1-19	Joshua 23:1-16	1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Saturday the 31st	Psalm 51:1-19	Judges 6:1-10	Matthew 16:5-12

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WELCOME

***Second City Church is a community that exists
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WHO we are? 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.

WHAT is the Gospel? It is the announcement (literally “good news”) that Jesus’ cross and resurrection were the beginning of salvation for the entire cosmos and will be completed when he returns. God is restoring the peace (shalom) of his creation through the work of Christ and is renewing people, families, neighborhoods, cities and nations, as people trust and follow him.

HOW do we celebrate the Gospel? Through faithful proclamation and obedient demonstration. Weekly worship services are the core opportunity for everyone to know how God is setting things right and to thank him publicly for it. This public celebration spills over to the rest of our lives where we serve our neighbors as Christ has served us.

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. If you would like to indicate your presence to us or include a prayer request, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and place it in one of the slotted boxes in the back of the Social Hall.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

**He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.**

**He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah***

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!**

Psalm 47:1-7

Gathering Hymn - Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands all you nations, shout to god.

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Clap your hands all you nations, shout to god.

All you nations sing a song to the Lord most high.

Lord most high, reigning over all the earth. (3x)

Every nation praises God with a joyful shout.

With a shout, God has gone up with a shout (3x)

Songs and shouts and trumpet blasts, praise the King of kings!

King of kings, nations bow before his throne (3x)

Sing a song of praise to God. Sing and clap your hands.

Greeting

God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!**

Psalm 47:8-9

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Confession of Sin

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.

Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me a sinner
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
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Kyrie Eleison
Lord Jesus Christ
Kyrie Eleison
Have mercy on me a sinner
Have mercy on me a sinner

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Romans 3:23-24

Brothers and Sisters 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

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in holy love

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising

we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send
at blessings without number
and mercies without end
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word
we honor and adore you
our great and mighty Lord

Then hear, O gracious Saviour
accept the love we bring
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord
The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His
Wings, yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How Thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His good-ness and
Mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

'Cause You are good
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And let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
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Living Our Faith

Psalm Reading

Psalm 47



LITURGY OF THE WORD

- 1** Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2** For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
- 3** He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- 4** He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*
- 5** God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6** Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- 7** For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- 8** God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- 9** The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

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

Isaiah 44:12-17

12 The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. He fashions it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He becomes hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is faint. **13** The carpenter stretches a line; he marks it out with a pencil.

He shapes it with planes and marks it with a compass. He shapes it into the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to dwell in a house. ¹⁴ He cuts down cedars, or he chooses a cypress tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it. ¹⁵ Then it becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it. ¹⁶ Half of it he burns in the fire. Over the half he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. Also he warms himself and says, “Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire!” ¹⁷ And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, “Deliver me, for you are my god!”

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:22-27

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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 25:31-32

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon - Rev. Peter Rowan - *No Tribal Deity*

Confession of Faith

**In a world estranged from God,
where happiness and peace are offered in many names
and millions face confusing choices,
we witness—**

**with respect for followers of other ways—
to the only one in whose name salvation is found:
Jesus Christ.**

**In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.
God loves all creation;
his compassion knows no bounds.**

**Jesus Christ rules over all.
To follow this Lord is
to serve him wherever we are
without fitting in,
light in darkness,
salt in a spoiling world.**

Our World Belongs to God

Offering of Prayers of the People

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word.
Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people.

God of compassion, we remember before you
the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying,

prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called. [Silence]

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country.

Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people. [Silence]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.

Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures. [Silence]

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.

Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears. Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth. [Silence]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

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 offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
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.

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



Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.`

Christ has died, Christ has 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

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Sharing Holy Communion

Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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.

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.

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.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



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Nursery

The nursery is open and we are in need of helpers to staff the nursery. Please email or see Jessi Gazsi at jessica.gazsi@gmail.com. You can also contact Cindy in our church office at office@secondcitychurch.org.

Hang Out at the Playground

Every other week, following the service, families are welcome to join us at the playground at Penn and Seyford for a time of singing and a children's lesson. Our next meeting date is today, **Sun., July 25th**, weather permitting. Please see Pastor Peter Rowan or Jesse Gazsi with questions.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given by Darwin Leshar in honor of Elaine Zubrod.

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
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