

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

“
I WISH THE
PREACHER WOULD
TALK ABOUT...”

AUGUST 18

WHEN GOD IS ABSENT

PSALM 13

SECOND



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

August 18, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653
Dr. John Allegar, organ

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship

You Are Before Me, Lord
Summer Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

SURSUM CORDA

You are before me, Lord, You are behind,
And over me You have spread out Your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives You pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Text: from Psalm 139/adapted Ian Pitt-Watson

* **Call to Worship**

Audrey F. Thorne

One: Blessed are those who mourn,

All: for they will be comforted.

One: Blessed are those who from their darkest hour

All: see the presence of Christ.

One: For he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows,
and redeems us from all sin and brokenness.

* **Prayer of Adoration**

* **Opening Hymn #261**

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
You laid the foundation of the earth,
placed the morning stars in the sky,
and shut the doors to the sea.**

**But sometimes our foundations shake,
sometimes the sea rumbles,
and sometimes the stars fall from the sky.**

**Do not leave us when the world turns upside down, and our lives return to chaos.
Renew your work of redemption in us. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

* **Response of Praise**

How Blest Are Those

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

How blest are those whose great sin Has free - ly been for - given.
 Whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered Be - fore the sight of heaven.
 Blest those to whom our Lord God Will not im - pute their sin,
 Whose guilt has been for - giv - en, Whose heart is true a - gain.

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

* **Hymn #252**

O Lord, You Are My God and King

JERUSALEM

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign,
 With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un-to love and grace di - vine.

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Parks

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:1-12

(p. 566)

Anthem

Even When God Is Silent

Michael Horvit
(b. 1932)

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.
 I believe in love even when feeling it not.
 I believe in God even when God is silent.

Text: Allied troops found this poem written on the walls of a basement in Cologne, Germany.

When God is Absent

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?"

(Psalm 13:1)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostle's Creed*

Rev. David T. Kim

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

If With All Your Hearts (from Elijah)
Will Upham, tenor

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,
ye shall ever surely find Me,"
thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence!*

Deuteronomy 4:29; Job 23:3

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH



All crea - tures lift your prais - es high! Praise God on earth and
sea and sky; In one great chor - us, all your days
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it praise. A - men.

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*** Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER



1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?
what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
O how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
lean - ing, lean - ing lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

Amen

McNeil Robinson, II
(1943-2015)

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D Major

C.S. Lang
(1891-1971)

Notes

THE POWER OF PRAYER

*The Chancel flowers this morning are given
to the glory of God in loving memory of
Alice Turner Scurlock from Sandra Lynch and the Moran
family (Bob, Amanda, Isaiah, Ty, and Aidan).*

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 AM worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit SecondChurch.org/Prayer to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

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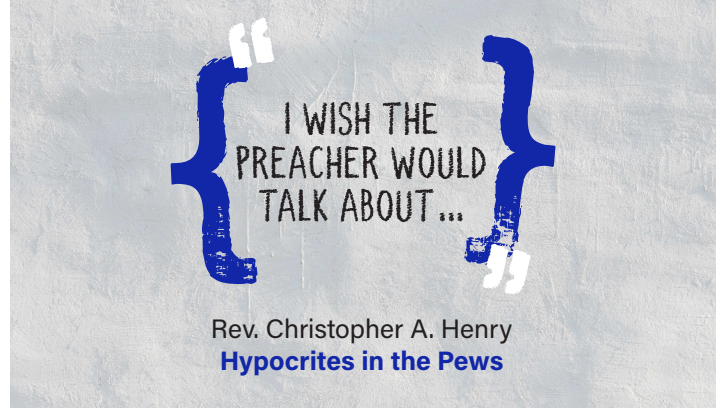
Picnic on the Lawn
Sunday, September 15

TODAY

Footsteps of Faith Informational Meeting
11:30 AM • Youth Suite

Youth Sundays in the Summer: S'more Faith
4 PM • Far North Lot

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • **Milner Chapel**

9 AM • Adult Classes

Men@Second Pregame • Room 402

The Letter of James • Room 407

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • **Milner Chapel**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness
Documentary and Q&A

August 20 • 4:30 - 6 PM • Clowes Memorial Hall

Scouting America Troop 171 Interest Meeting

August 21 • 7 PM • Second Picnic Shelter

Home Repairs for Good: Exterior House Painting

August 24 • 9 AM - 1 PM • Offsite

Sign up:



Second Treasures End of Season Sale

August 24 • 9 AM - 1 PM • Second Treasures

Children's Ministry Training

August 25 • 11:30 AM - 2 PM • Room 356

Register:



Men@Second Sunday Cycling

August 25 • 4 PM • Danny Boy Beer Works