

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

# A STORY-SHAPED GOD:

## READING GENESIS

FEBRUARY 9

### In the Place of God?

*GENESIS 50:15-26*



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Karen L. Lang  
*Executive Pastor*

Rev. Gracie H. Payne  
*Associate Pastor for Young Adult Engagement*

Annie Warner  
*Liturgist*

Second Chamber Players

Patrick Pauloski  
*Director of Children's and Youth Music  
& Second Chamber Players*

Sanctuary Choir

Amy Hughley  
*Guest Conductor*

Dawn Waddell  
*Guest Organist*

Dr. Dan Forrest  
*Composer; Guest Pianist*

**PROCESSION**

**Acolytes**  
Andrew Bolton  
Ellie Rapp

**Element Bearer**  
Mary Schwendener

**Ewer Bearer**  
Suzanne Baach

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**WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 8 may remain with their families or depart for Children's Choir. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a green nametag. Children's Choir pickup will be on the first floor in room 112. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3. Children will return to their families in the Sanctuary prior to the Closing Hymn, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.

**VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin, large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

**February 9, 2025**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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**We Come Together as God's People**

**Prelude**

*Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582*  
Dawn Waddell, organ

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Fugue in C Minor, BWV 847*  
Second Chamber Players; Patrick Pauloski, conductor

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**\* Call to Worship**

Rev. Karen L. Lang

One: Long before the dawn and as the first light shines,

**All: Praise the Lord.**

One: Throughout the day and in every season,

**All: Praise the Lord.**

One: As dusk approaches and well into the night,

**All: Praise the Lord.**

One: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

**All: The Lord's name be praised.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\* Prayer of Adoration**

**\* Processional Hymn #261** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

O QUANTA QUALIA

## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast.  
We come into your presence knowing that your mercy is beyond our deserving.  
None of us is worthy of your tender care.  
We confess before you our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness.  
Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us.  
Renew your peace within us,  
that we may approach you with confidence and serve you with joy.  
We ask it through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer)**

### Assurance of God's Grace

#### \* Response of Praise

*Gloria Patri*

Henry Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ing, is  
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A men, A - men.

#### \* Passing the Peace of Christ

#### \* Hymn #298

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

# We Experience God's Word

## The Word with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

Annie Warner

### First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 45:1-8, 13-15

(p. 41)

### Anthem

*Achieved is the Glorious Work* (from *The Creation*)  
Sanctuary Choir; Amy Hughley, guest conductor

F. J. Haydn  
(1732-1809)

Achieved is the glorious work; the Lord beholds it and is pleased.  
In lofty strains let us rejoice.  
Our song shall be the praise of God.

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### Second Scripture Lesson

Genesis 50:15-26

(p. 47)

### Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

## In the Place of God?

*"So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.  
In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them."  
(Genesis 50:21)*

### Moment of Silent Meditation

# We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

**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

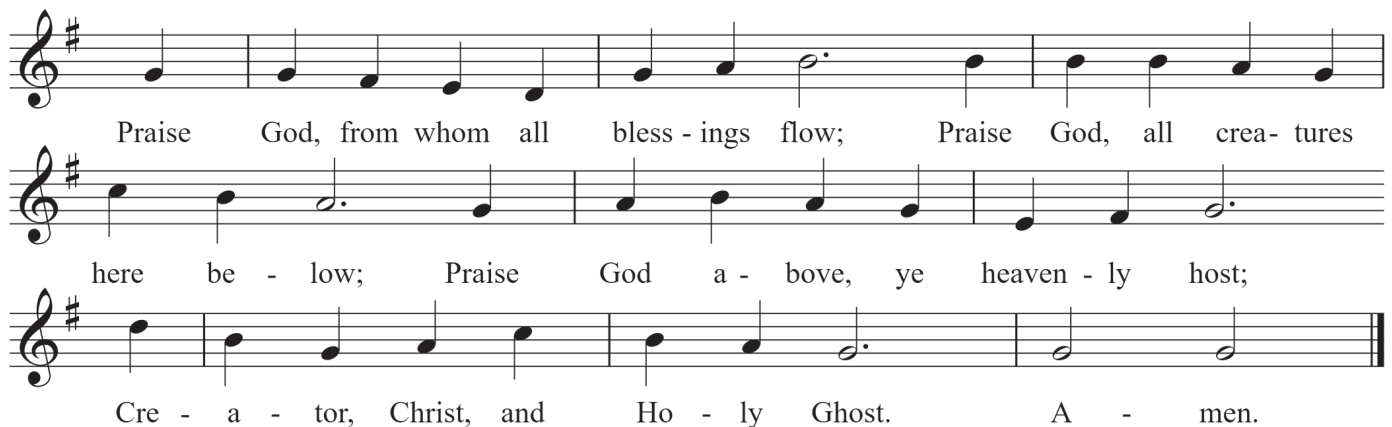
### Offertory

*O Day of Peace*  
Dawn Waddell, organ

Charles Callahan  
(1951-2023)

### \* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;  
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### \* Prayer of Dedication

## We Go Forth to Serve

### \* Closing Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Accompanied by the composer at the piano

arr. Dan Forrest

*Choir sings verses; congregation joins on the final refrain as directed*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***Congregation joins Refrain***

***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

### \* Charge and Benediction

#### Postlude

*Toccata for Organ (excerpt)*

John Weaver  
(1937-2021)

### Congregational Meeting

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones. The white roses in front of the lectern are in memory of:

Tim Harden  
Verda Marchesseault  
Ed Wall

*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).*

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit [SecondChurch.org/Prayer](https://SecondChurch.org/Prayer) to fill out a Prayer Request Form. Together, we lift up our joys with thanksgiving and invite Christ's tender care, guidance, and healing in our lives and in God's world.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:

**Rev. Madison VanVeelen**, Associate Pastor of Care  
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## GIVING

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## VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for worshipping with Second! Our Hospitality Team would love to connect and welcome you more fully into the life of Second. Scan this QR code and let us know you were here!



## TODAY

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Brunch

Following 10 AM service • Sanctuary

### South Africa Seminar

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM • Common Room

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • Milner Chapel

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[SecondChurch.org/Events](https://SecondChurch.org/Events)



### Second Act February Gathering

February 10 • 3:30 PM • McFarland Hall

### Men@Second Pop up Social

February 11 • 5:30 PM • Muldoon's in Carmel

### Creation Days Open Studio

February 15 • 10 AM – 1 PM • Common Room

### Bread for the World "Food, Insecure" Documentary and Conversation

February 16 • 11:30 AM – 1 PM • Room 356

### Young Adults Service and Sabbath

February 22 • 9 AM – 3 PM • Around Second

### Welcome Table

February 23 • 11:15 AM • Parlor

### Art Song Series: Black Composers

February 23 • 11:35 AM • Choir Room

### Men's Monthly Fellowship

February 25 • 6 - 8 PM • Room 356