LEARNING TO WALK in the Dark

MARCH 30

BEFORE YOU Give Up...

PSALM 139:1-18



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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Organist and Assistant Director
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PROCESSION

Acolytes
Harper Sundheimer
Olivia Pedersen

Ewer Bearer Suzanne Baach

TODAY'S BAPTISM

Madison Joan Sukowicz
Parents: Courtney and Kevin Sukowicz
Birthdate: August 5, 2024

Elder: Jen Francis Deacon: Claire Liechty Bible Presenter: Charlie Strobel

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Baptism*, 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.

VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE

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

March 30, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude Sonata No. 5, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. John Allegar, organ (1809-1847)

Welcome Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship I Will Arise
 Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor
 American folk hymn
 arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

and Robert Shaw (1927-1978)

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me with His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Refrain

Text: Refrain - Anonymous; Verse - Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

* Call to Worship Rev. Thomas P. Markey

One: God has gathered us to this place,

All: where we hear those stories which show us

what the kingdom of God is like.

One: God summons us to this place,

All: where we can learn how to serve our God

without reservation, or hesitation.

One: God will send us from this place,

All: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,

so they, too, can choose to follow God.

One: Let us worship God together.

* Prayer of Adoration

* **Processional Hymn #420** God of Grace and God of Glory

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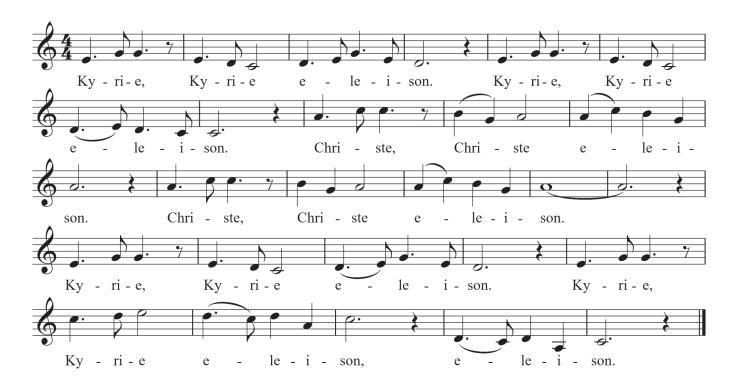
Invitation to Confession

Kyrie

Kyrie (from Symphony, no. 9, II)

Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) arr. Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.



Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, search our hearts and still our minds at this hour.

Remind us once again that we do not belong to ourselves,

but have been claimed and called by your grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, for our illusions and idolatry.

We have convinced ourselves

that we have arrived here by our own power.

We have tried to maintain control,

when you asked us to let go.

Mold us with your mercy, and renew us with your love, so that we would become the community of faith that Christ is calling us to be.

In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

We Experience God's Word

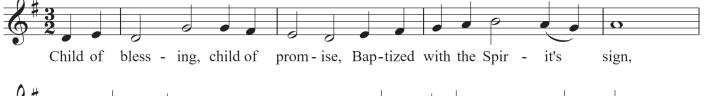
The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response #498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM





Prayer for Illumination

Jen Francis

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-6

(p. 624)

Anthem Yonder Come Day

arr. Paul John Rudoi

Oh day, yonder come day.

Day done broke inna my soul, yonder come day.

Good mornin' day, yonder come day.

A brand new day, yonder come day.

Oh come on child,

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord what shall I do?

Oh day, yonder come day.

I was on my knees, yonder come day.

When I heard him say, yonder come day.

Oh come on child,

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

Day done broke inna my soul, yonder come day.

Text and Music: Georgia Sea Islands & American Spirituals

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Before You Give Up...

"...even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you." (Psalm 139:12)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

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

Maya's Prayer for Peace Dr. Mitzi Westra, alto

Tom Trenney

Father, Mother, God,

Thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days;

for then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days;

for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.

And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days;

for then we are able to celebrate you, and our families, and our friends.

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour out your love in waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.

For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company.

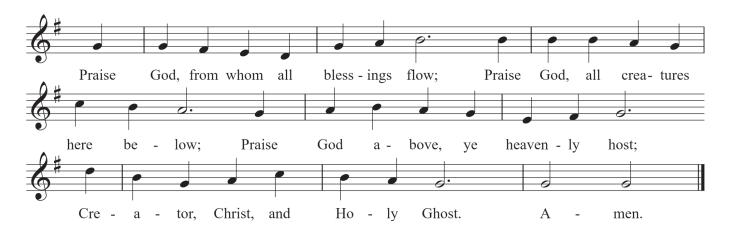
For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope.

Father, Mother, God,

the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most—Peace.

Text: Maya Angelou (1928-2014)

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH



* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn #462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies RATISBON

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Benediction Go in Peace Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Go in Peace, for God will keep you, If your mind is stayed on Him. Amen.

Text: Isaiah 26:3

Postlude Fugue in g minor (from BuxWV149) Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WELCOME NEW BABY

The red rose in front of the pulpit is in honor of:



Christopher (Kit) Steven Varner Birthdate: March 20, 2025



Parents: Spencer and Anna Varner

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Room 356 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.

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

Rev. Madison VanVeelen, Associate Pastor of Care MVanVeelen@SecondChurch.org

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Thank you for worshiping 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!



Maundy Thursday

April 17 • 8 PM • Sanctuary Service of Tenebrae & Communion

Good Friday

April 18 • 12 - 3 PM • Sanctuary Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ

Easter - April 20

7 AM • Sunrise Service • Labyrinth 9 AM and 11 AM - Sanctuary Worship

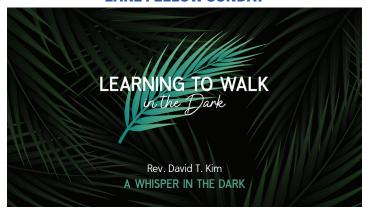
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TODAY

Bread for the World Letter Writing 11 AM • McFarland Hall

Lenten Sunday Evening Service 5 PM • Room 356

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6 LAKE FELLOW SUNDAY



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • Room 356

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM - Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Room 356

5 PM • Sunday Evening Lenten Service • Room 356

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Second Act Community and Cards April 1 • 12 - 3 PM • Room 356

Women@Second Evening of Fellowship April 1 • 6 - 8 PM • Home of Kathy Clark

Middlers Gathering

April 1 • 7 - 8:30 PM • Blind Owl Brewery

Lake Fellow Celebration: Rev. David Kim

April 6 • 8:15 and 10 AM Services Reception following 10 AM Service • McFarland Hall

St. John Passion

April 12 • 7 PM • St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Carmel Featuring members of Second's Sanctuary Choir and the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra

Young Adults Brunch

April 13 • Meet in Narthex following 10 AM worship