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JULY 20

LOVE ACTUALLY

1 JOHN 4:7-12



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians
Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Rev. Gracie H. Payne
Associate Pastor for Engagement

Kathy Lee Liturgist

Shannon Beckemeyer Soloist

Dr. John Allegar
Organist and Assistant Director
of Music and Fine Arts

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TODAY'S BAPTISM

Mason Joseph Mendenhall

Parents: Corey and Jeff Mendenhall Birthdate: October 9, 2024

Bradley Gray Saitta

Parents: Heather and Brad Saitta Birthdate: February 22, 2025

Elder: Kathy Lee Youth Deacon: Izzy Kornmeyer Bible Presenter: Barrett Browning

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with the Children*, children age 4 through fifth grade are welcome to return to their pews or to exit the sanctuary for children's chapel in room 305, where they can be picked up following worship. 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.

July 20, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651 J.S. Bach

Dr. John Allegar, organ

(1685-1750)

Welcome Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

* Call to Worship Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

One: Beloved of God, gather and breathe.

All: We drink up God's grace with gratitude.

One: Beloved of God, ready yourselves.

All: We are ready to listen, to receive, and respond.

One: Beloved of God, Beloved is your name.

All: And Beloved is yours.

One: Let us worship God.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Hymn #376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **HYFRYDOL**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your grace is ever before us, but we cheapen it.

For freedom Christ has set us free,

but we remain shackled by fear and greed.

We confess that we relish in the safety of Christ

while forgoing his courageous compassion.

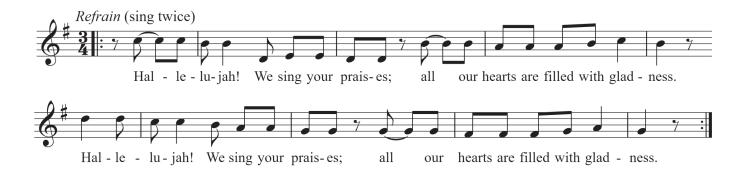
We hoard his peace for ourselves.

Forgive us, O God, of the crosses we have not taken up.

By the power of grace may we grow into Christ's full stature.

It is all for the sake of your love and this world that you love deeply. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace



- * Passing the Peace of Christ
- * Hymn #335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY (English folk song)

We Experience God's Word

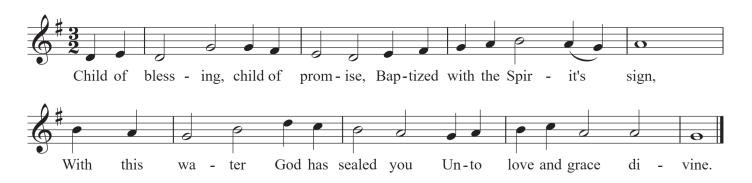
The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response #498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM



Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lee

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:1-18

(p. 566)

Rain Shannon Beckemeyer, soprano

Leah Russell (1891-1983)

Of all the gifts in God's domain, I think the most sublime is rain. The rain that keeps the earth renewed With infinite solicitude, That cools the mountain's burning crest, And bathes the robin in its nest, To whom the trees and flowers yield Their dropping blossoms to be healed.

The rain that like a mother's tears Dissolves the dust of human fears: That falls on all impartially, And teaches us humility: That leaves behind, when it departs A rainbow just for weary hearts. When God first saw the world in pain, I think he wept and called it rain.

Text: Robert Lewis Shayon (1912-2008)

Second Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7-12

(p. 1112)

Sermon

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

Love Actually

"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:12)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

from Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ

to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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 O Perfect Love Healy Willan (1880-1968)

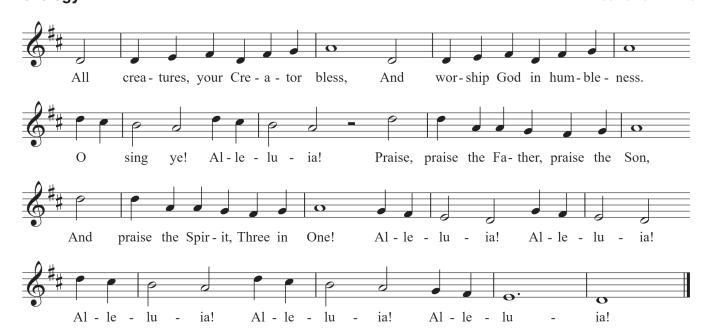
O perfect Love, all human thought transcending, Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne, That ours may be the love which knows no ending, Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be Thou our full assurance, Of tender charity and steadfast faith, Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance, With childlike trust that fears not pain nor death.

Grant us the joy which brightens earthly sorrow; Grant us the peace which calms all earthly strife; And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow That dawns upon eternal love and life.

Text: Dorothy F. Gurney (1858-1932)

* Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN



* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn #263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO (Welsh folk melody)

* Charge and Benediction

PostludeChant de joie

Jean Langlais

(1907-1991)

Congregational Meeting

Please remain in the sanctuary after the postlude for a brief Congregational Meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today following 10 AM worship

The Session has called today's congregational meeting for the purpose of acting on Rev. Sara Dorrien-Christians' request to dissolve her pastoral relationship with Second Presbyterian Church in order to accept a new call.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

Margaret Herder

The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents Bill & Charlene Eckhart from Brent & Elaine Eckhart & Marianne Eckhart.

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.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact: **Ashley McNamara,** Coordinator of Pastoral Care

AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org

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TODAY

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Following 10 AM worship - Sanctuary

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Reception Celebrating Rev. Sara Dorrien-Christians
Following Congregational Meeting • McFarland Hall

Men at Second Sunday Cycling
4 PM • Offsite

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • Milner Chapel

9 AM • Adult Class

Summer Sunday School for Adults • Common Room Men at Second Pregame • Room 402

10 AM - Sanctuary Worship

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SecondChurch.org/Events



Washington Township Schools Back-to-School Bash July 26 • 9 – 11:30 AM • Jordan YMCA

> Second Treasures Stock the Racks August 5 • 10 AM – 12 PM • Room 112

Middlers Gathering

August 5 • 7 - 8:30 PM • Luciana's on North Meridian

Young Adult Brunch

August 10 • 11:30 AM

Another Broken Egg Cafe on North Meridian

Beckenhorst Singers Live in Concert

August 10 • 3 PM • Sanctuary

For tickets, visit BeckenhorstPress.com/Tickets