

**AUGUST 3** 

# **CAN WE TALK ABOUT...ACEDIA?**

COLOSSIANS 2:5-10



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael M. Samson
Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen Associate Pastor of Care

> Thomas Woo Liturgist

Sanctuary Choir Section Leaders

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

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

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#### 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.

# August 3, 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## We Come Together as God's People

**Prelude** Concerto del signor Tomaso Albinoni, LV 126

Dr. John Allegar, organ

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Welcome Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**Choral Call to Worship** 

Praise the Lord

Justine Koontz

Sanctuary Choir Section Leaders; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
Praise him all people,
For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Text: Psalm 117

#### \* Call to Worship

Rev. Michael M. Samson

One: Come, sing with joy to God;

shout to our Savior, our Rock.

All: Enter God's presence with praise;

enter with shouting and song.

One: God cradles the depths of the earth,

and holds fast the mountain peaks.

All: God shaped the ocean and owns it,

and formed the earth by hand.

One: Come, bow down and worship,

and kneel to the Lord our maker.

All: This is our God, our shepherd;

we are the flock led with care.

One: Let us worship God.

#### \* Prayer of Adoration

#### **Invitation to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,

we confess that it is all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, our souls for shallow and easy success.

We are so easily seduced by power and possessions.

Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit.

Give us strength to turn toward you,

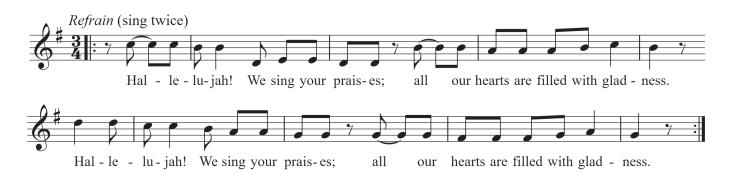
in Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

#### **Assurance of God's Grace**

\* Response of Praise

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

South African arr. Utryck



- \* Passing the Peace of Christ
- \* **Hymn #415** Come, Labor On ORA LABORA

## We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination Thomas Woo

First Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-8 (p. 705)

#### Anthem

#### Behold, the Tabernacle of God

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
For the temple of God is holy.
Which temple you are:
For the love of whom you do this day celebrate
The joys of the temple
With a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Text: antiphon from the Sarum Rite of Salisbury Cathedral (based on Rev. 21:3)

**Second Scripture Lesson** 

Colossians 2:5-10

(p. 1073)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

#### Can We Talk About...Acedia?

"...continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith..."

(Colossians 2:6b-7a)

#### **Moment of Silent Meditation**

#### We Give Thanks to God

\* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

from A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 7-26)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

#### 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**

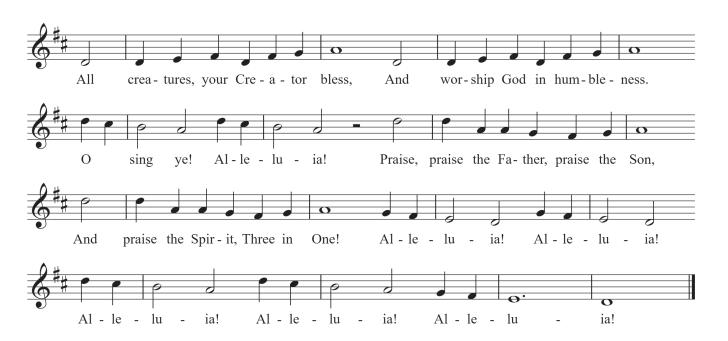
Offertory

Allegretto (from Sonata No. 4, Op. 65)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

\* Doxology

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#### \* Prayer of Dedication

#### We Go Forth to Serve

\* Closing Hymn #418 God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

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\* Charge and Benediction

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

Text: Isaiah 26:3

Postlude

"The People Respond – Amen!" (from Rubrics)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

#### 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:

Michael Shepherd

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

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#### **GIVING**

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#### **VISITING TODAY?**

Thank you for worshiping with Second!

Our Hospitality Team would love to connect and welcome you more fully into the life of Second.

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## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

AUGUST 17 • 11:15 AM COMMON ROOM





#### **NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**



#### **CAN WE TALK ABOUT...ENVY?**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

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

For more details visit

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**SecondChurch.org/Events



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 Beckenhorst.Link/Concert-SecondChurch

August 11 - Building Closed for All-Staff Retreat

**Second Act Summer Celebration** 

August 12 • 6 - 8 PM • Second Picnic Shelter

Music Ed Fest Benefit Concert with Pavel & Leah

August 17 • 4 – 5:30 PM • Sanctuary

Men at Second Pop Up Social

August 20 • 5:30 PM • 101 Craft Kitchen in Carmel

Home Repairs for Good Volunteer Day August 23 • 8 AM – 1 PM • Offsite

Second Treasures End-of-Season Sale August 23 • 9 AM – 1 PM • Pantry Patio