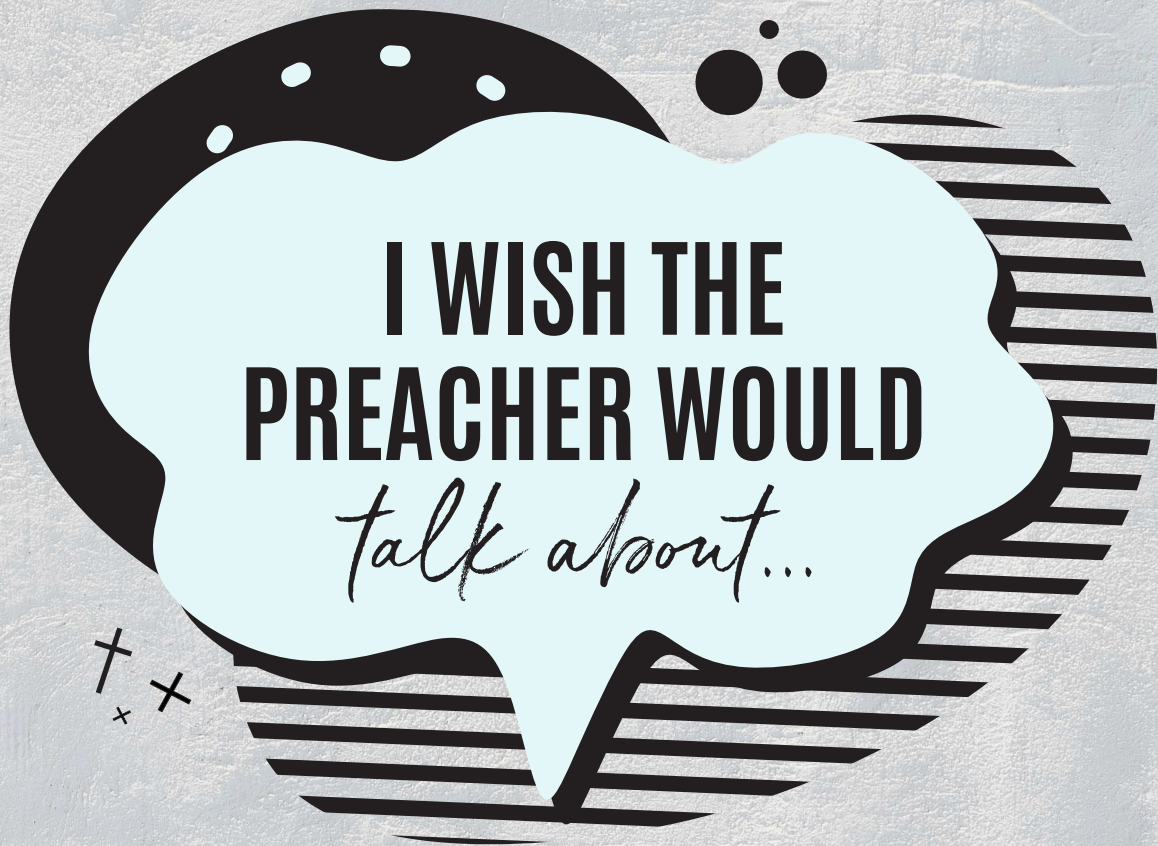


SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM



AUGUST 23

Is the Devil Real?

Ephesians 6:10-18



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
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Rev. Audrey F. Thorne
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Associate Pastor of Care

Lauren Rapp
Liturgist

Summer Choir

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 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 23, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663
Dr. John Allegar, organ

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship

Awake, My Heart
Summer Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Jane Marshall
(1924-2019)

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy Word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.

Text: Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676)

* Call to Worship

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

One: Put on the whole armor of God,

**All: that we may stand against
every scheme of the enemy.**

One: For our struggle is not against enemies
of flesh and blood,

**All: but against the rulers and authorities
of this present darkness.**

One: Let us worship the God who has already won the victory.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Hymn #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

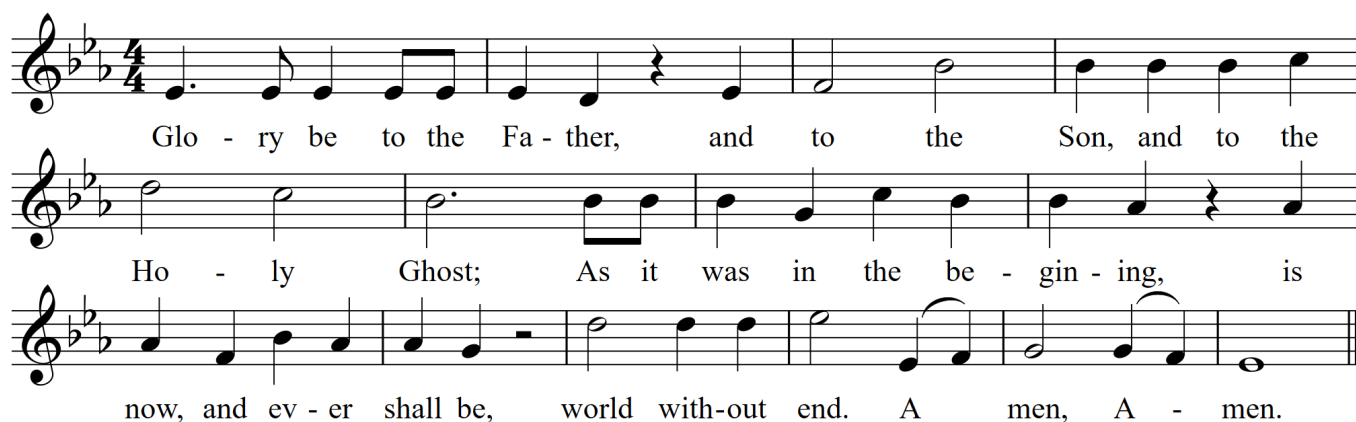
God of grace and truth,
we confess that real evil is easier to joke about than to face.
We follow voices that deceive.
We call our divisions reasonable.
We let desires we know are hollow lead us anyway.
We forget the danger is real, and so is your rescue.
Forgive us.
Free us from every power that pulls us from you,
and give us the clarity to call deception what it is.
In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

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 #394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

SPIRITUAL

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lauren Rapp

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 3:1-5

(p. 2)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death.

Text: Song of Solomon 8: 6-7

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-18

(p. 1067)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Is the Devil Real?

*"Put on the whole armor of God,
so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*
(Ephesians 6:11)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

**Our only comfort, in life and death,
is that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death,
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood
has fully paid for all our sins
and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil;
who protects us so well
that without the will of our Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from our heads;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,
he also assures us of eternal life,
and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

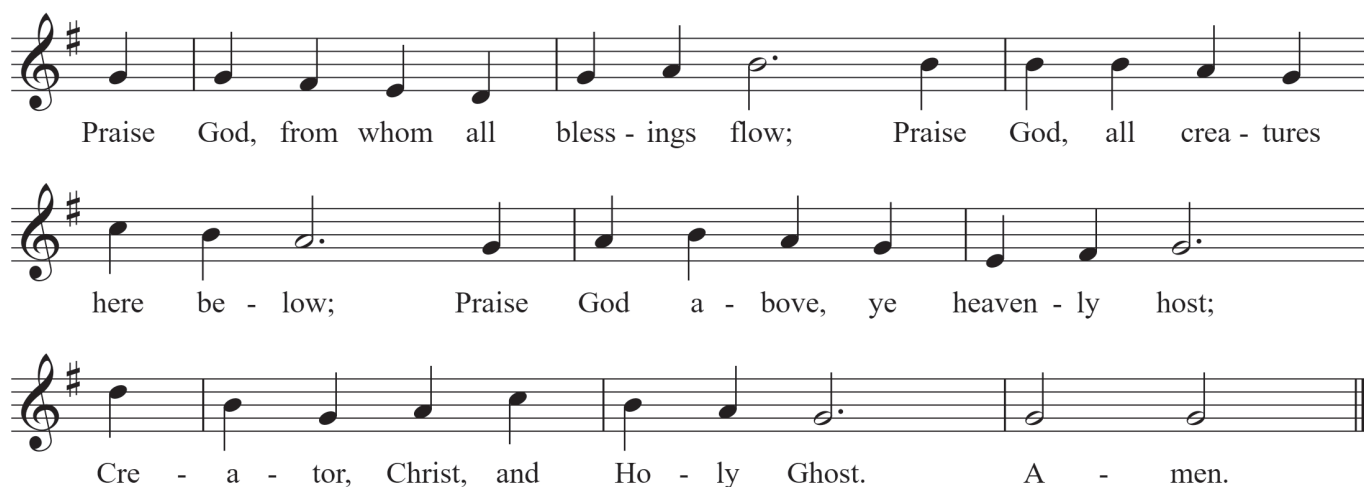
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 *There is a spirit that delights to do no evil* (from *A Quaker Reader*) Ned Rorem
(1923-2022)

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH



* **Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn #307** *Fight the Good Fight* DUKE STREET

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *Amen* McNeil Robinson II
(1943-2015)

Postlude *Toccata in D minor, BWV 565* J.S. Bach

At the conclusion of worship, we invite you to join us in McFarland Hall for coffee, donuts, and community.

Notes

WELCOME NEW BABY

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

Louise Christine Hayes

Birthdate: July 28, 2026

Parents: Kelsey and Keegan Hayes

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:

Betsy Harvey

Member service details, if available, can be accessed by visiting SecondChurch.org/FuneralDetails or calling the Front Desk at 317-253-6461.

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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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!



Join us for a
PICNIC on the **LAWN**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
11 AM - 1 PM • South Parking Lot & Lawn



TODAY

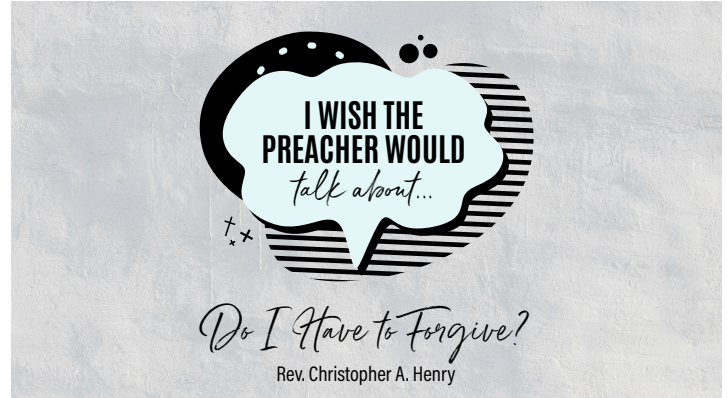
New Member Class

11:15 AM - 1 PM • Common Room

CFM & Youth Volunteer Training

11:30 AM - 2 PM • Room 356

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Adult Classes

Living in the Word • Room 407

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



The Belonging: One Year Anniversary Open House

August 27 • 6:30 - 8 PM • Picnic Shelter

Second Treasures Store Reset

August 28 • 2 - 5 PM • Room 112

Second Treasures Set-up for End-of-Season Sale

August 28 • 3 - 5 PM • MPR

Second Treasures End-of-Season Sale

August 29 • 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM • MPR

The Gospel House:

A Plan for Daily Bible Study and Prayer

August 30 • 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM • Common Room

Music and Fine Arts Rally Day

August 30 • Following 10 AM Worship • McFarland Hall