

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

Set Apart

GOD'S UNLIKELY CHOICES

OCTOBER 18

Like Other Nations

1 Samuel 8:10-22



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. Caroline G. Eader
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Markey
Associate Pastor of Youth and Families

Carole Steffel
Liturgist

Handbell Ensemble
Rebecca Holt, Director

Sanctuary 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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PROCESSION

Ewer Bearer
Marshall Bryans

Acolytes
Michael Hamilton
Tyler Gardener

TODAY'S BAPTISMS

Amelia Grace Kennedy
Parents: Allie and Ian Kennedy
Birthdate: August 2, 2026

Connor Franklyn Waller
Parents: Brock and Tiffany Waller
Birthdate: May 13, 2026

Elder: Carole Steffel
Youth Deacon: Elise Klaus
Bible Presenter: Luka Reardon

SECOND GRADE REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM MILESTONE

Tucker Hutchinson
Ryker Riggs
Max Sibla
Hattie Sneller

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please ensure your child is wearing a nametag. Carol Choir pick up will be in Room 355 at 11:15 AM. Pick up for Cherub Choir and for other sections of *Sunday Mornings for Children* will be in the third-floor hallway at the same time. 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.

October 18, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude *Andante; Allegro Moderato (from Taiwanese Suite)* Chelsea Chen
Dr. John Allegar, organ (b. 1983)

Welcome Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship *Hearken to my Voice* Justine Koontz
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Hearken to my voice when I call, O Lord;
Have mercy on me, and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say,
"Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Text: Psalm 27:10-11

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Caroline G. Eader

One: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

All: But we look to the future as well as to the past.

One: The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

**All: Then we can go forward in hope.
Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.**

One: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

All: Let us worship God together.

*** Prayer of Adoration**

*** Processional Hymn #482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Invitation to Confession

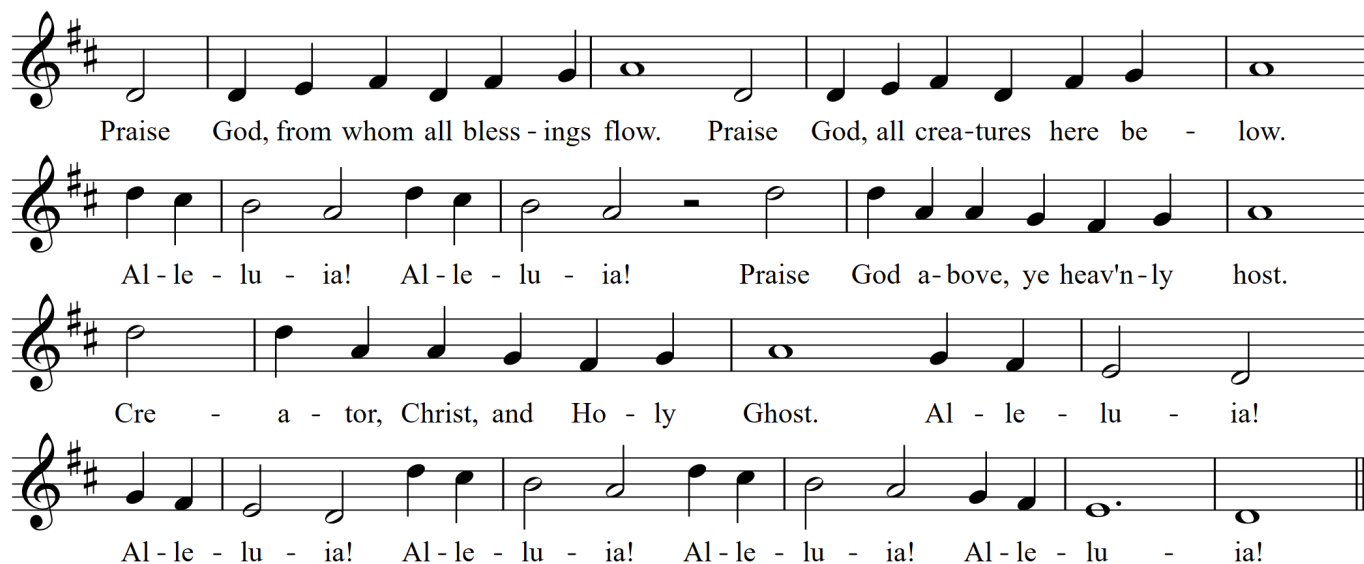
Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God,
you alone are our King,
and we confess that we want other rulers.
We crave the security the world promises and the power our neighbors hold.
We would rather be like the nations than be your peculiar people.
We trade our freedom for the illusion of control.
Forgive us.
Free us from the idols of might and status,
and teach us to want what you want — a kingdom not of this world.
In Christ's name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host.
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

We Experience God's Word

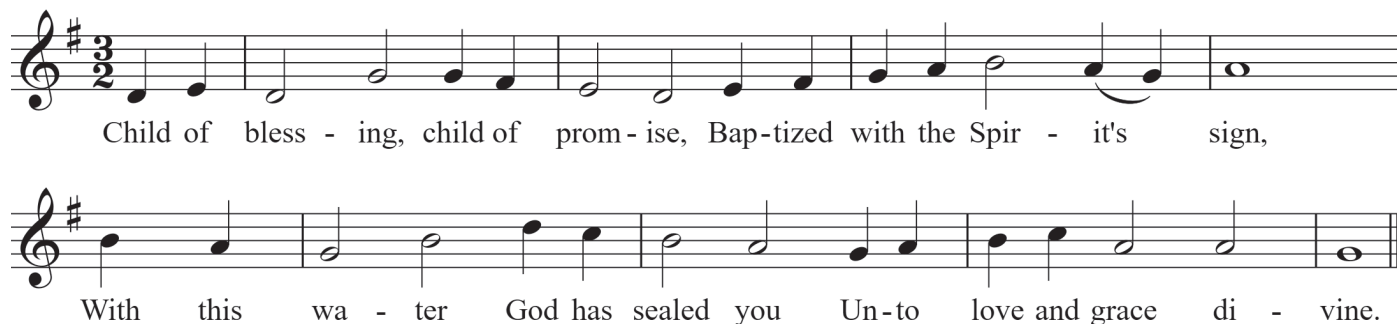
The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response #498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM



Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign,
With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un-to love and grace di - vine.

Prayer for Illumination

Carole Steffel

First Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 8:1-9

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Anthem*This is the Truth Sent From Above*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

Thus God in love to us behav'd,
To show us how we might be saved
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what God did say.

Go preach the Gospel now God said,
To all the nations that are made
And they that do believe on me,
From all their sins I'll set them free.

Now prove yourselves the teacher saith,
Examine if you've any faith,
And if you search and can't this see,
Then beg of God to give it thee.

O seek! O seek! of God above,
That saving faith that works by love,
And if he's pleased to grant thee this,
Thou'rt sure to have eternal bliss.

Text: G. Walters, A Good Christmas Box (1847) – select verses

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 8:10-22

(p. 248)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Like Other Nations*"But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said,**'No! but we are determined to have a king over us,'"*

(1 Samuel 8:19)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

*** Affirmation of Belonging**

Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Markey

In the beginning, God created all that is, seen and unseen;
every leaf and grain of sand, every living thing, large and small;
every human being, unique among the rest of creation,
reflecting the glory and the image of our Creator.

And God looked upon the diversity of creation and called it good.

In all things, we seek to follow our Creator, and his Son Jesus Christ,
who loved all people, and affirmed God's image in them.

As we follow in Jesus' footsteps,
we affirm that all people are made in the image of God,
and welcome every kind of person into the life of faith we share.

We affirm that we belong to God,
each one of us, bestowed with gifts and insight,
each one, an irreplaceable image of the Divine.

As we belong to God,
we also belong to each other;
for we are one body, filled with one Spirit,
claimed by one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
belonging to one God and Father of all, who is above all,
and through all, and in all. 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

Flourishes

Handbell Ensemble; Rebecca Holt, conductor

Arnold B. Sherman
(1948-2024)

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

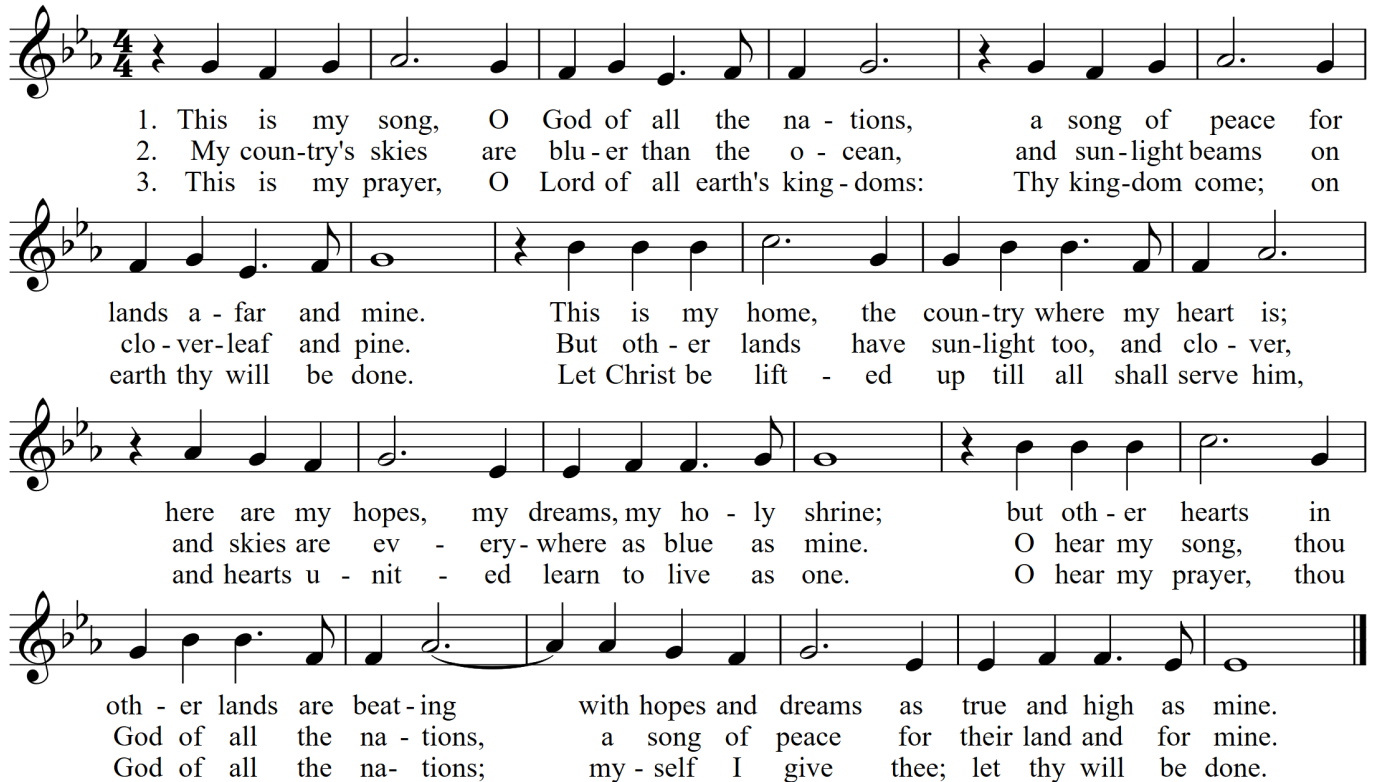
*** Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn

This Is My Song

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1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light beams on
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms: Thy king-dom come; on

lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
clo - ver-leaf and pine. But oth - er lands have sun-light too, and clo - ver,
earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou

oth - er lands are beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
God of all the na - tions; my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Benediction

Let All the People Say Amen!

Linda V. Hannah

Let all the people say, "Amen! Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Psalm 106:48

Postlude

Toccata-Improvisation on "Lasst uns erfreuen"

Brenda Portman

(b. 1980)

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

The *Eighth Day of Creation* all-church art exhibit is on display in McFarland Hall through November 13.

Come and see the creativity and artistry of our own Second Church community.

REDISCOVERING BELONGING

Join us in reflecting on these membership promises as we explore what it means to belong to Christ and each other.

- Trusting in God's saving grace through Jesus Christ, I accept the joys and responsibilities of church membership and commit myself to the journey of faith.
- I will strive to live as Christ's faithful disciple, following his teaching and showing his love and justice. I will do my best to be faithful in worship attendance, to nurture my faith, and to find some definite place of usefulness in the life and ministry of this community.
- Acknowledging that all I have is a gift from my Creator, and responding to God's grace and love, I will be a faithful steward and contribute, as I am able, my gifts and resources to Second and to the Holy Spirit that sustains me.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit 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:
Ashley McNamara, Coordinator of Pastoral Care
AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org

GIVING

Thanks to your faithful generosity, Second continues to reach thousands each year with the love of Christ. From worship and music, to our community involvement and groups for all ages—we are moving, reaching, inspiring, and loving our Church family and our community. To give today, you may do so through the envelopes in the pews or by texting "Give" to (833) 818-3036. You may also give through the QR code below or through the **Tithe.ly** App on the App Store.



VISITING?

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!



OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budgeted Income	\$4,068,504
Actual Income	\$4,059,362
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$9,142

Connected 

Starts with you!



TODAY

Second Grade Remember Your Baptism Milestone
9 -10 AM • McFarland Hall

Simple Strategies to Leaving a Legacy
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM • Common Room

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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The Lord Looks on the Heart

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

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

For more details visit

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SecondChurch.org/Live

UPCOMING EVENTS



Eighth Day of Creation Art Exhibit

Now – November 13 • McFarland Hall Gallery

Evening Out with Women at Second

October 21 • 6:30 PM • Los Arroyos in Carmel

Second Act Community & Cards

October 22 • 12 – 3 PM • Room 356

Home Repairs for Good Fall Repair Fest

October 24 • 8:30 AM – 1 PM • Offsite

Reformation Festival Music Sunday

October 25 • 10 AM • Sanctuary

Generosity as a Spiritual Practice

October 25 • 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Room 356

Sacred Arts Series: Virtuoso Violins:

3 Concertos of J.S. Bach

October 25 • 4 – 5:30 PM • Sanctuary

Men's Monthly Fellowship

October 27 • 6 - 8 PM • Youth Suite