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JULY 27

PRAYER

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7, 11-13



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Karen L. Lang Executive Pastor

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen Associate Pastor of Care

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

Betsy Dykstra Liturgist

Dr. Mitzi Westra

Soloist

Dr. John Allegar
Organist and Assistant Director
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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.

July 27, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude What a Friend We Have in Jesus Dale Wood

(1934-2003)

Sweet Hour of Prayer Dr. John Allegar, organ

William Bolcom (b. 1938)

Welcome Rev. Karen L. Lang

* Call to Worship Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

One: God, who rules the universe, calls us.

All: Christ, who took up the cross, calls us.

One: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

All: Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Hymn #145 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! MARION

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we have turned away from your authority to our own small concerns.

Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross,

for believing in our power to live our lives,

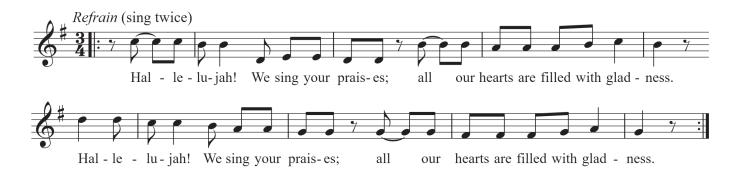
and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone.

Lead us to the river of life,

that in all we do and say, we may honor your name. (Silent Prayer)

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Assurance of God's Grace



* Passing the Peace of Christ

* **Hymn #527** Near to the Heart of God MC AFEE

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination Betsy Dykstra

First Scripture Lesson Job 42:1-5 (p. 478)

Solo Sweet Hour of Prayer/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus arr. Greg Nelson
Dr. Mitzi Westra, mezzo-soprano (b. 1948)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne, Make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare, By thy return sweet hour of prayer.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus; Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace. Sermon Rev. Karen L. Lang

Prayer

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Michael M. Samson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

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Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à vous, O mon Père, Écoutez de Jésus, devant Vous à genoux, La prière!

Si vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois Sur la terre,

Je saurrai Vous servir, auguste Roi des rois, O Lumière!

Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la verité salutaire, Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité Vous révère!

Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur nécessaire, Pour apaiser les maux, soulager la douleur, La misère!

Révélez-Vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois Et j'espère:

Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix, Au clavaire! If the voice of a child can reach up to you, O my Father, Listen to this prayer from Jesus, Kneeling before you!

If you have chosen me to teach your laws Here on earth, I shall know how to serve you, mighty King of Kings, O Light!

Place the salutary truth upon my lips, Lord, So that they who doubt, may with humility Revere you!

Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness needed To lessen pains, to relieve suffering And misery!

Reveal yourself to me, O Lord in whom I believe And I hope:

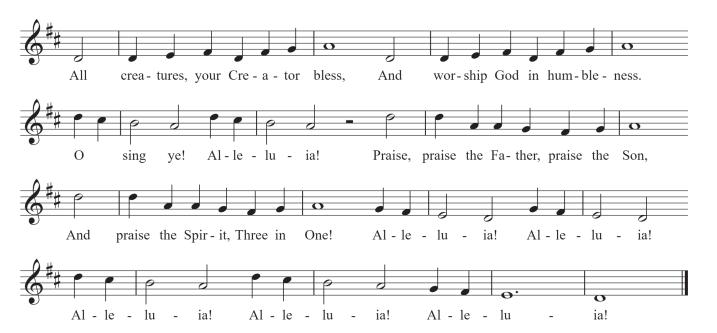
For you I wish to suffer and to die upon the cross At Calvary!

Text: Stéphan Bordèse (1847-1919)

Translation: Christopher Goldsack

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn #487 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude Allegro con brio (from Sonata No. 4, Op. 65) Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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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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 3



CAN WE TALK ABOUT...ACEDIA?

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

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UPCOMING EVENTSSecondChurch.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