

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

THE CHURCH

WE *Need to Be*

MAY 17 • HYMN FESTIVAL SUNDAY

The Imperative of Inclusion

Acts 8:26-39



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. Karen L. Lang
Executive Pastor

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Liturgist

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Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Dr. John Allegar
*Organist and Assistant Director
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PROCESSION

Element and Ewer Bearers

Nancy Bowden
Elizabeth Rogers

Acolytes

Connor Falk
Calvin Crimmins

FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Violin I

Sherry Hong
Dianna Joiner
Daniel Torres

Violin II

Sarah Cook
Ava Shedd
Debbie Rodin

Viola

Kathy Hershberger
Emilee Drumm

Cello

Nick Donatelle
Sam Viguerie

Bass

Robert Goodlett II

Flute I

Laura Recendez

Flute II & Piccolo

Graeme Sugden

Oboe

Crystal Barrett
Jessica Myers

Clarinet

Candice Kaiser
Christina Martin

Bassoon

Kara Stolle
Sara Erb

Horn

Richard Graef
Mica Redden

Trumpet

John Rommel
Stephen Campbell
Andrew Roembke

Trombone

Chris Van Hof
Brad Koser

Bass Trombone

Jared Rodin

Tuba

Matthew Lyon

Percussion

Murray Mast
Art Reiner

Timpani

Steve Hanna

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 assure your child is wearing a nametag. Carol Choir pick up will be in Room 355 at 11:15 AM. Pick up 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.

May 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

arr. David S. Winkler

Here I Am, Lord

arr. David S. Winkler

Festival Orchestra; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

* Call to Worship

Rev. Michael M. Samson

One: Glorious God, we come together as your people.

All: We come as a praising people, singing your goodness.

One: We come as a hungry people, longing to be fed.

All: We come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys.

One: We come as a journeying people, looking for direction.

All: In this hour of worship, empower us for faithful living.

One: Brothers and sisters, let us worship the God who calls us together.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Processional Hymn #420

God of Grace and God of Glory
(Verses 1-4)

CWM RHONDDA

arr. Randol Alan Bass (b. 1953)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you hear the cry of those who suffer.

We confess we have not always borne your light to all who need it.

Forgive us when we draw boundaries around your mercy

instead of running to meet those you send us.

Open our hearts to answer your sending.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry All who dwell in deep-est sin
My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright,
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it
I, Lord? I have heard You call-ing in the night I will
go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

**Lord of compassion, you have borne our pain and wept for love of us.
 We confess our hearts of stone, our hesitation to speak your words of healing and hope.
 Forgive us when we fail to see your image in every face,
 when we withhold the welcome you offer freely.
 Break us open to your love.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 They turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a-lone.
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it
 I, Lord? I have heard You call-ing in the night I will
 go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

**God of abundance, you set a feast for those the world overlooks.
 We confess we have stood silent when you call for witnesses.
 Forgive us when we fear your sending more than we trust your provision.
 Fill us until our hearts are sent to serve.**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat-is-fied.
 I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it
 I, Lord? I have heard You call-ing in the night I will
 go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name.

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED – Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
arr. James J. Chepponis (1956-2026)

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day And
 2. (Choir) The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die, Its
 3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, That
 sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; For we can on - ly
 frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; But hid - den from all
 we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; And wheth - er our to -
 won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, At bless - ings with - out
 na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown, Though small in mor - tal
 mor - rows be filled with good or ill, We'll tri - umph through our
 num - ber and mer - cies with - out end. We lift our hearts be - fore you and
 stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown. For Christ, the man from heav - en, from
 sor - rows and rise to bless you still, To mar - vel at your beau - ty and
 wait up - on your word; We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 death has set us free, And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!
 glo - ry in your ways, And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Dick Poppa

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-39

(p. 672)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

The Imperative of Inclusion

*"As they were going along the road, they came to some water;
and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'"*
(Acts 8:36)

Moment of Silent Meditation**We Give Thanks to God****Affirmation of Faith***How Firm A Foundation*American Folk Melody
arr. Dan Forrest (1978)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
What more can He say?

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee - I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

Fear not, I am with thee. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
What more can He say?

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no, never - no, never forsake!

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
What more can He say?
For I will be with thee thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
What more can He say, than His excellent Word?

Text: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787

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:

Norman Brandley

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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May Memorial Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
6 PM • PRE-SERVICE RECEPTION • PARLOR
7 PM • SERVICE • CHAPEL



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VBS 2026  JUNE 22-26

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APRIL FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budgeted Income	\$1,904,527
Actual Income	\$2,011,905
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$107,378

TODAY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following 10 AM Worship • Sanctuary

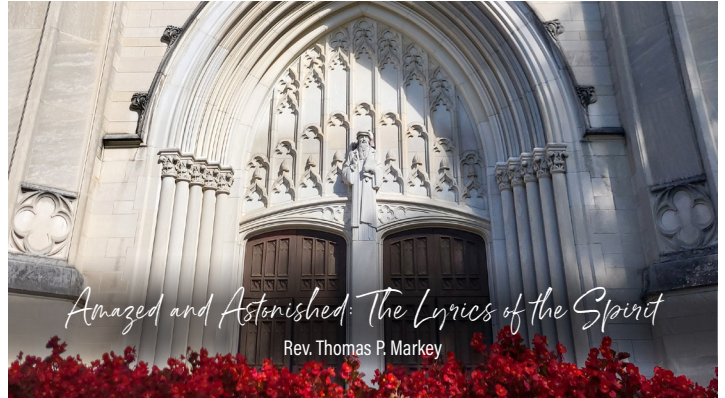
Voices of the Spirit: Courage and Reflection

3 PM • Sanctuary

Men at Second Sunday Cycling

4:30 PM • Danny Boy Beer Works

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



9 AM • Sanctuary Worship

NO 8:15 AM Chapel Worship, 9 AM Sunday School, or 11:15 AM Service of Wholeness and Communion

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SecondChurch.org/Events



Men at Second Pop Up Social

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

May 25 • Memorial Day • Building Closed

Men's Monthly Fellowship

May 26 • 6 – 8 PM • Youth Suite

Art Song Series Concert: Cabaret

May 28 • 7 – 8 PM • Concert in Sanctuary
Followed by Dessert Buffet in McFarland Hall

The Belonging

May 28 • 7 – 8 PM • Common Room & Community Room

Habitat for Humanity Home Build

May 30 • 8:15 AM – 2:30 PM • Offsite

Lake Fellow Sunday: Rev. Danny Carpenter

May 31 • 8:15 and 10 AM Services
Reception following 10 AM Service • McFarland Hall