

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 6

Forgetting Greatness

Luke 22:24-27



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Our Sunday Children's programming is paused for the holiday weekend. Join us next week for *Children's Chapel* during the 10 AM service. Following today's *Word with Children*, children will be asked to return to their parents or caregivers.
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.

September 6, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Fantasia No. 6

Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681-1767)

Sonatina (from *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit*, BWV 106) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. John Allegar, organ transcribed Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Welcome

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

Choral Call to Worship

Lord, Make Me to Know

Sanctuary Choir Section Leaders; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

Lord, make me to know thy ways, O Lord.
O Lord, teach me thy paths, O Lord.
O lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation.

Text: Psalm 25:4-5

* Call to Worship

Rev. Thomas P. Markey

One: Lord, as we enter your presence,
we proclaim who you are.

**All: You are the God who feeds us,
We are nourished by your Word and Spirit.**

One: You are the God who clothes us,
We wear your righteousness like robes.

**All: You are the God who welcomes us,
We come into your house like a child coming home.**

One: We worship the God who does great things for us.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Hymn #456

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

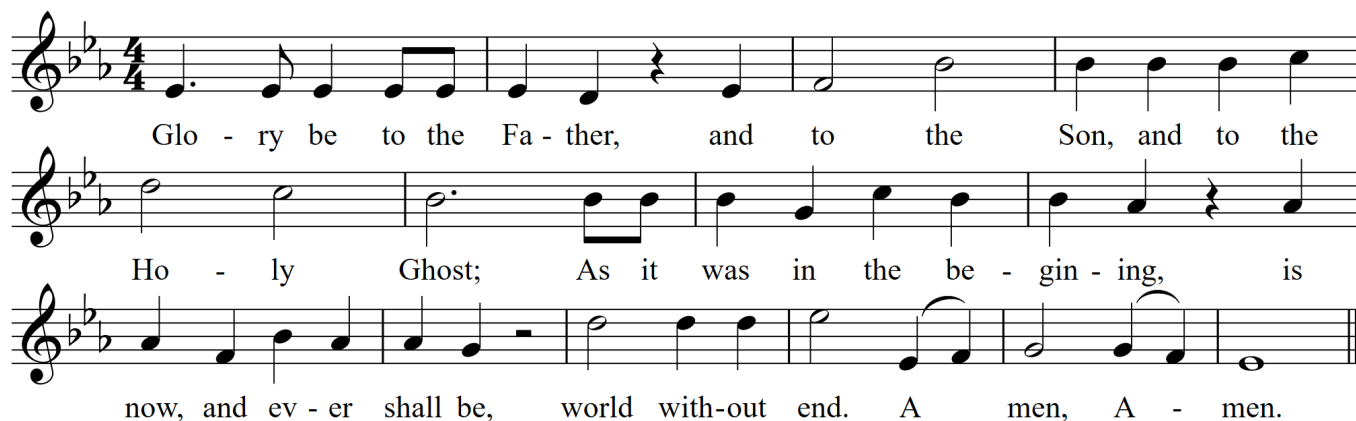
Creator God, you made us and all people in your image.
But we sometimes forget that we are already enough.
We strive and we struggle; we push others down.
We become obsessed with our own status and worth,
Forgetting that you delight in small things,
And that you prize humility over perfection or success.
Redeeming God, you save us from ourselves.
When you said, "it is finished" you freed us
From our need to be the greatest,
And our struggle to secure our place with you.
Sustaining God, nurture us in the ways of ordinary faithfulness,
And the simple, daily work of following you. (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 #333

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Sheryl Soundar

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:6-11

(p. 671)

Anthem

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest
(b. 1978)

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid;
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, never to die.

Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Text: Johanna Anderson

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:24-27

(p. 961)

Sermon

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

Forgetting Greatness

*"But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest
and the leader like one who serves. "*

(Luke 22:26)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Lines 7-26 from A Brief Statement of Faith

Zachary A. Rivers

**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

The Gift to Be Simple

Traditional Shaker tune
arr. Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

The gift to be simple, the gift to be free.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you oughta be,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Text: Joseph Brackett Jr. (1797 – 1882)

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn #418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Benediction

Amen (from Second Evening Service)

William Byrd

Postlude

"Let His work your pleasure be" (from Salem Sonata)

Dan Locklair
(b. 1938)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Member service details, if available, can be accessed by visiting SecondChurch.org/FuneralDetails 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.

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NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SecondChurch.org/Events



September 7 • Labor Day • Building Closed

Second Treasures Stock the Racks

September 8 • 10 AM - 12 PM • Library

Winter Warmth Coat Collection

September 8 - October 18 • Atrium Drop-Off

Music & Fine Arts at Penrod Arts Fair

September 12 • 9 AM - 5 PM • Newfields

Second Act Monthly Gathering

September 14 • 3 - 4:30 PM • McFarland Hall

Young Adult Community Groups Kickoff

September 14 • 7 PM • Parlor

September 16 • 7 PM • Parlor

The Flourish Collaborative:

Empowered Routines for Exceptional Families

September 15 • 6:30 - 8 PM • Room 356

Youth Ministries Kickoff

September 16 • 6:30 PM

Far North Parking Lot & Picnic Shelter

Service of Installation: Rev. Audrey Thorne

September 19 • 2 PM • Milner Chapel

LGBTQ+ Christian Fellowship Fall Kick-Off Potluck

September 19 • 5 - 8 PM • Home of Andy Hisey & Chandy John

