

MAY 17, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

11 AM

*"God helps those who cannot help themselves. That is the very definition of grace. God accomplishes for us what we cannot do for ourselves."*

—Rev. Chris Henry

Next Sunday, May 24  
Lake Fellow Celebration

11 a.m. (LiveStream)  
Rev. Kelley J. Jepsen  
"Planting in Exile"

BEYOND CLICHÉS:  
SEEKING A DEEPER FAITH

GOD WON'T GIVE  
YOU MORE THAN  
YOU CAN HANDLE  
2 Corinthians 1:3-11

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives



**Welcome!** We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you into this new sense of sanctuary – friends joined through Livestream, on Facebook, and at home on TV. We are indeed a community of faith and we are most grateful to still share in fellowship together.

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. David A. Berry  
*Associate Pastor for Mission*

Rev. Karen L. Lang  
*Senior Associate Pastor for Congregational Life*

Dr. Michelle Louer  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Children's Virtual Choir

Brianna Holt & Carol Baker, directors

Walker Demel & Luke Nargang, piano

Tom Ristine, guitar

Dave Crockett, video editor

Dr. John Allegar  
*Organist*  
*Assistant Director of Music and Fine Arts*

# May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

## We Come Together as God's People

**Prelude**

*Prelude in Eb Major, BWV 552*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**Welcome**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**Call to Worship**

Rev. David A. Berry

One: With the burden of fear, with hope for a new day, we gather in your presence:

All: **Come among us, Healing God, with mercy that never ends.**

One: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we wait:

All: **Come among us, Friend of the broken, with compassion that makes us whole.**

One: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we are before you:

All: **Come among us, Dryer of our tears, with love to lift us from the depths of despair.**

One: With expectation and anticipation, let us join our hearts in worship.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Opening Hymn #371**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

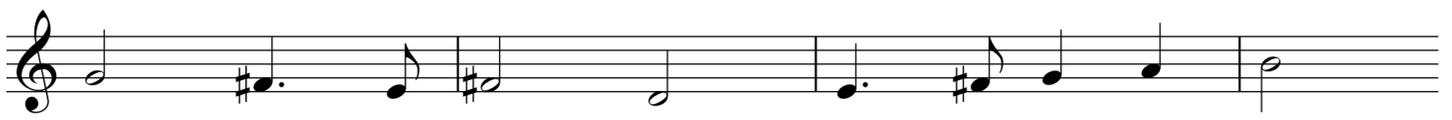
*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
3. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry. *Repeat Refrain*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us, God, for sometimes we get lost along the way.

Lost in ourselves, we dwell on yesterday's pain and disappointment,  
limiting what your love can do in our lives.

Lost in our days, we drift from one hour to the next,  
unaware of your presence.

Lost in our fear, we build walls around ourselves,  
blocking your grace from breaking through to heal us.

So find us, O God. Walk alongside us. Stay with us. Open our eyes so we might rest in your truth.  
Amen.

**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 of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**We Experience God's Word**

**Time with Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Claire Liechty

**First Lesson**

Psalm 46

Hymn #333

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His  
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and  
 righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be  
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be  
 add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

## “God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle”

*"For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ."*

(2 CORINTHIANS 1:5)

## We Give Thanks to God

Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Karen L. Lang

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.

Call to Generosity

**Offertory**

*Draw the Circle Wide* Text: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle; draw the circle wide.  
 Draw the circle; draw the circle wide.  
 No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
 Draw the circle; draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide; draw it wider still.  
 Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
 Standing side by side,  
 Draw the circle; draw the circle wide.

**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.**

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**Closing Hymn #210**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.  
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home.

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fugue in Eb Major (excerpt), BWV 552*

J.S. Bach

**HOW TO STAY CONNECTED ON SUNDAY  
(and all other days of the week!)**

# How To Join Us Online

Our fellowship and our traditions are not isolated to one building, one gathering, one Sunday. Your emails, your phone calls, your Facebook posts, and your outreach underscore the strength of our roots and our desire to keep in close touch. You can email us at [Together@SecondChurch.org](mailto:Together@SecondChurch.org) if we can help you stay connected!

Stream our services live:

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- [Facebook.com/SecondChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SecondChurch)
- Roku and AppleTV

Watch the services or sermons On Demand:

- [YouTube.com/SecondChurch](https://www.YouTube.com/SecondChurch)
- On Demand (watch anytime) at [SecondChurch.org/OnDemand](https://www.SecondChurch.org/OnDemand) or on Facebook
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## #HOLDINGFAITHTOGETHER

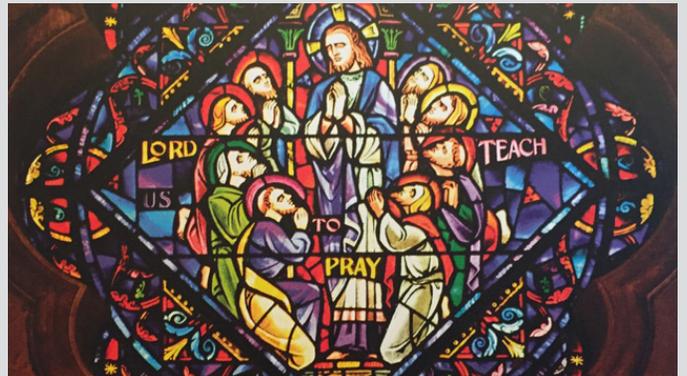
If you join us on Facebook, be sure to join the congregation by commenting or posting a photo of *your* sanctuary -- home or wherever you may be! Add the hashtag **#holdingfaithtogether** and **#secondpresindy** so we can all share in our special fellowship together. Also, if you have not done so already, please follow us on Facebook by visiting [Facebook.com/SecondChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SecondChurch) and selecting "Follow" under the banner image.

## GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT



As we give, we fulfill a deep truth of our identity and purpose as children of God. Because giving is what we were created to do, being generous brings great joy to all who engage with the gifts we have been given. Thank you for so generously sharing your gifts among one another, and throughout this welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives. Visit [SecondChurch.org/Give](https://www.SecondChurch.org/Give) to learn more.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER



We are here to join with you in prayer. How can we support you? To engage with one of our pastors, fill out a **Prayer Request Form** at [SecondChurch.org/Prayer](https://www.SecondChurch.org/Prayer) and we'll be in touch shortly.