



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Andante Cantabile Tschaikowsky

Introit Sing Ye to the Lord Everett Titcomb
*Sing ye to the Lord who ascended to the heaven of
heavens, to the sun's rising. Alleluia!*

****Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: Why do you look up toward heaven?

People: Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: The word of God is truth.

People: Let us be sanctified in the truth.

Leader: God sends us out into the world to be an example
of his love.

**People: With the help of God, we can be lights in the
world.**

****Hymn**

Hope of the World

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1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we come to you today and admit our wrongs, that we have not lived up to the ideals and example of what it means to be a Christian. We have said things we regret and were inappropriate. We have done things to loved ones and strangers for which we are ashamed.

Dear God, you are our faithful advocate and support in times of trial. Help us to admit our wrongs and do better in the future. Let us continue to turn to you for support and guidance to sanctify us to do your work on Earth. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: Though we cannot get there, we can strive toward perfection.

People: With Christ's help we can be made whole again.

Leader: When I admit my wrongs to God, I open the door to healing.

People: Christ is there to embrace us, not to condemn us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation.

****Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

****Passing of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Through Christ we have the source of peace.

People: Let us all turn to Christ and share our joy and peace with all we meet.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples and sent them into the world. We pray to you today to open our hearts and minds to hear your sacred word proclaimed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among

us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those

 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Solo

Thus Spake Jesus

Michael Head

John Concepcion, soloist

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me that they may be one, as we are, that all may be one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." These words spake Jesus and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."

Scripture Lesson

John 17:6-19

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,

protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Our Loyal Advocate”

Brian Louis, Seminarian, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

****Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles' Creed**
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.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Leave Us Not, Neither Forsake Us John Stainer
Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation.
In Thy presence is the fulness of joy. Ye men of Galilee,
why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus,
which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in
like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. Thou
art gone up on high, Hallelujah! Thou hast led captivity
captive, and received gifts for men; yea, even for Thine
enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.
Thou art gone up on high, Hallelujah! Amen!

Prayers of the People the Lord's Prayer ("debts")
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.**

Prayer Response

Peace I Leave With You

Mrs. H. H. A. Beach

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction**

Go Forth into the World

John Rutter

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Postlude

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgists: Pastor Neff and Karen Ashley-Bowman

Livestream Operator: Lisa Armstrong

Called as Partners in Christ's Service / 01



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement: We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement: Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship:

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

In-Person: We open for in-person worship. Join us at 11:00 a.m. for the worship. The sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 a.m.

Online: Worship is live-streamed on our website 2ndPresbyterian.org each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Please join us live or watch the recorded services at your leisure.

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Visiting Guests: If you are new to Second Presbyterian Church, please sign a blue visitor's card and leave your email address as you exit the sanctuary.

Prayers: Second Church is a praying congregation! Please sign a yellow prayer card found in the pews and note any prayer requests so that we may pray with you and for you.

Please [click here](#) to submit your prayer requests online. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff and our Office Administrator Ashley McLean. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Bible Studies:

We welcome you to join our Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Classes. If you would like the curriculum, please email the church office at secondchurch1936@comcast.net. The conference call number: (312) 248-0036. No PIN required.

- **Sunday morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday afternoons Philippians 1:30 p.m.**

An Inquirer's Class for those considering membership will be offered on Sunday, May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the pastor's study. The class will go over Presbyterian history, theology, worship and polity. We will also explore ways to get involved at Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Pastor Neff or the church office.

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: We are discussing the New Testament. Meetings are on the 2nd

and 4th Mondays of the month at 5 p.m. Please use this phone number: **(312) 248-0036**. No pin is required. For more information contact Flea Parker at Flea@golden2.net or (210) 861-6988.

RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee:

Book Group: Our next book of discussion is Caste: The Origins of our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at Annabelle620e@aol.com.

Time: June 20th 2021 at 9:30 a.m. central time

Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Or Call: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 868 6496 0108

Passcode: 726317

Your Support of Our Mission and Ministry:

Our work at Second Presbyterian Church is critical year-round and especially crucial in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please [click here](#) to give your offering online or visit the Second Presbyterian Church website at 2ndPresbyterian.org. Look for the “Give Online” button, scroll down and follow the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Connect with Us: Dr. Neff’s sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: DavidNeff.me. To obtain copies of sermons, please contact the church office via email at secondchurch1936@comcast.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS (please pray for the following)

Ramon Leah Smith – Papa George; Uncle Rudy; world peace; Laura Salado; Coerie Turner; Atheer Dairem; Jerome, Eva and family; Elizabeth Castro

Howard and Jane Tiffen – Lloyd Carter; Frank & Faith Dusek; the Normans and Thuranuers; Darnell and Pam; Sherry and Maureen Watkins

Ochiabutor family – Anthony Ochiabutor Jr. for guidance and protection

Amy Haack - Aunt Betty passing away after a 10 year battle against cancer; please keep her family in your prayers

Pastor Neff – the Presbyterian Synod of Cameroon; for all pastors, elders and churches living under persecution



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Second Presbyterian Quartet

Sherry Watkins, soprano
Corinne Wallace-Crane, alto

John Concepcion, tenor
Vince Wallace, bass



Praymaker was started by Paige & Peter Braxton of Second Presbyterian as a way to share the healing power of hope and prayer with others.

Praymaker is a website where people can request a prayer from a spiritual leader of their choice and have it sent to someone in their lives. Our lives are filled with celebration, sorrow, and hope, and in these moments, the right words are sometimes hard to find. *Praymaker* is personalized prayer delivered.



How it works?

- 1) Request a prayer on www.praymaker.com
- 2) Spiritual leader creates a personalized prayer.
- 3) The audio is texted to your loved one.



How to participate?

Praymaker is looking for community members interested in joining Paige & Peter in this ministry. There are many ways to help and support.

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