



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Prayer of Saint Gregory Alan Hovhanness

Introit God Is Here Glenn Wonacott
God is here, reaching out to all who gather; God is here, listening to the prayers of all. God is here, giving grace where hearts are wounded; God is here, lifting lives after a fall. God is here, calling us to find our passion; God is here, teaching us to find ourselves. Reaching, listening, giving grace, lifting lives to see God's face. God is here, showing why we all are here; for God is here.

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

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates and loves us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen One, who redeems, reconciles and lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, God's holy fire, who sustains and renews us as God's people.

People: To the one true God, we dedicate this service. All praise be to God, Creator, Redeemer, Spirit.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

****Hymn** When Morning Gilds the Skies #667

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sin and acknowledge that we have fallen short of your glory. We have wandered from your ways, we have wasted your gifts, we have neglected your love. In your mercy, forgive our rebellion and ingratitude. Unite us again as sisters and brothers, as you give us life in your name.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so God has cast our sins away.

Leader: May God almighty freely pardon all who repent of sin and turn completely to the living God.

People: May God fulfill in every repentant heart the promise of Christ's grace:

Leader: May God absolve us of our sins and deliver us from a guilty conscience:

People: We pray through the merit and mediation of Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Gloria Patri**

#581

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: The good news is to all those who are near and far away.

People: The good news is to all who are neighbors and strangers.

Leader: Because Christ loves us, we are members of the household of faith. We are one in the Spirit—we are family.

People: Because Christ calls us, we are citizens of the realm of God. We are living out God's precious kingdom.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Enter your house, O God, and the hearts of your faithful people. Establish for yourself a dwelling place forever, that we may be glorified by the indwelling of him whose building we are; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 16:5-11

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:1-6

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Solo God is a God

spiritual, arr. Jacqueline Hairston

Corinne Wallace-Crane, soloist

*God is a God! God don't never change. God is a God,
and He always will be God! He made the sun to shine by
day, the moon to shine by night; He gave me love and He
calm my fears, and drove away my fright. He fixed my
feet for running, and set my heart aflame; He sealed my
hopes in the Holy Land, and gave me my good name.*

Sermon

“Mystical Unity”
Pastor David Neff, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn** Here, O Our Lord, We See You #517

****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

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response Amen Eric Thiman

We Worship God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

Offertory Anthem

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, Who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

****Doxology**

#606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
THE COVENANT OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**

The Invitation

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. I have ordained and appointed you to go so that your fruit will endure. The Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am the vine, you are the branches. Abide in me, and my love will abide in you.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsively)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places, to give you thanks and praise, holy Creator, almighty and eternal God. Heaven cannot contain you. Yet you have promised by Jesus Christ our Lord to be present in this house, in the prayers and faithful service of your servants who call upon your name. You fill this temple with the radiance of your presence. You make this sanctuary a place of strength for the weak, a refuge for the troubled, a place where your truth is taught and learned, a place where prayer is answered and the worship and service of your faithful people is caught up in the worship and service of heaven.

Therefore, with your people of all places and times, with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise to the angels' song.

Sanctus (sung)

#552

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we bless you for your incarnation among us, your holy birth, your perfect life on earth, your faithful witness; your suffering for our sins; and your triumph over death. We exalt you because of your ascension to the Father and your gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Lord Christ, we yearn for you to return again and make the entire creation new. Remembering your work and passion, and pleading your eternal sacrifice, we follow your example and obey your commands. Great is the mystery of faith:

Acclamation (sung)

#553

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. As this cup is Christ's sacrificial love, help us offer ourselves in love for our neighbors. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through him, with him, in him, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, one God forever. **Amen.**

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.**

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
Concluding Prayer

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn** Together We Serve #767

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin
*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his
countenance upon you, and give you peace; the Lord
make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto
you. Amen.*

Postlude

Voluntary for Trumpet and Organ David Maxwell

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgists: Pastor James Acquaah and Brian Louis
Livestream Operator: Howard Tiffen

Together We Serve

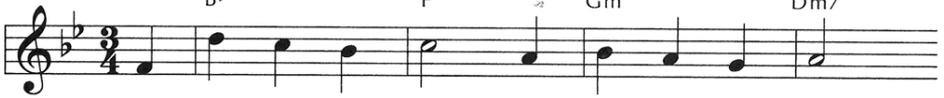
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Capo 3: (G)
B^b

(D)
F

(Em)
Gm

(Bm7)
Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)
E^b

(G)
B^b

(Am7)
Cm7

(Dsus) (D)
Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)
B^b

(D)
F

(C)
E^b

(Bm)
Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G)
B^b

(C)
E^b

(G)
B^b

(Am)
Cm

(D7)
F7

(G)
B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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 are open for in-person worship. Join us at 11:00 am for the worship. The sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 am.

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

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 welcome Charles Russell Roberts who is playing the trumpet for us today.

Our bass soloist Vince Wallace will be taking a leave of absence after this Sunday for the next several months. Vince will be traveling to New York City to be in the chorus at The Metropolitan Opera for the performances of four operas and a concert. Vince will be back with us in December. We wish him the best!

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.

The Men Association will be having a Chicago Fire outing on August 8th, 2021 at 5 pm. Please let Eric Annafi know if you would like to attend the game by July 30th. The game will be at Soldier Field. We will meet at 1 pm in the church parking to tailgate before the game. Please contact Eric at Eannafi@gmail.com or cell at (312) 315-9925.

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 mornings Bible Study 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday afternoons 1 Timothy 1:30 pm**

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 pm 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 *Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement & Paramilitary America* by Kathleen Belew. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at **AnnaBelle620e@aol.com**.

Time: August 15th 2021 at 9:30 am central time

Join Zoom Meeting: Click Here

Or Call: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 868 6496 0108

Passcode: 726317

Stretch Class: *No Class on August 16th*. Deacon Sharon Singer is providing a free Stretch Class on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall. The class will run until August 30th. Come and improve your range of motion and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes and

bring a water bottle. Sharon has instructed fitness classes for over 20 years or more.

Community

The Hospitality Committee is renewing Coffee Hour this month. Each Sunday, we will provide light refreshments after the service. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour in the near future, please contact Elder Anthony Ochiabutor at (312) 375-1986 or ochiabutora@yahoo.com for more information.

South Loop Urban Village presents its monthly Memory Care Café on Thursday, August 12th at 3:00 pm. The theme is “The Blessing of Owning Pets” led by Tom Dietworst and Andee Stacy. All are welcome. For more information, please contact southloopvillage@gmail.com or phone (312) 225-4406.

On Sunday, August 29th, members and friends of Second Presbyterian Church will attend the Jazz Showcase to hear Chicago saxophonist Eric Schneider and Friends play traditional jazz, swing and bebop. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online or at the door.

The Prairie Avenue District Farmers’ Market is every Thursday evening from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Vendors will offer vegetables, produce, gourmet coffee, bakery, yogurt and cheese, health care products, take-home meals and other items. All are welcome. For more information, please visit their website at [**SouthLoopFarmersMarket.com**](http://SouthLoopFarmersMarket.com).

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:

Madison Vanderbilt – our willingness to ask for help.

Anthony Ochiabutor – Chioma Ochiabutor and siblings on the loss of their mother

Darlene Pollard – Janie Byas

Anonymous – my sister Elaine and all those in nursing homes

M. Thompson – Eiland, Smith and Thompson families

Deborah Odoi – world peace

Ramon Smith – Marty, Vicky and A.J. Sasso; the Behr family; Papa George; Martyrs for Christ

Tracy Cargo – thank you for the prayers for myself and family during our time of bereavement

Reuben Mensah – family protection

Erick Flom – my brother Bryan; friend Carolyn; Brian Louis

Howard and Jane Tiffen – those experiencing life changes

Denise Conway – Tracy Cargo; Pat Foley; Jaylan Corahan

Rowena Balogun – Roslynn Gully; Pat Foley; Rev. Neff; Brian Louis; Dorothy and Helen Taylor; Elizabeth Wilson; Jean Leib; Jeanne Glick; Bill and Suzanne Leib

Flea Parker – Jaela Dill; Rev. Neff's surgery

Tracy Maria – those who risk their lives on daily basis; Carolyn Smith

Michael Allen – Jacquelyn Haywood Allen; Tracy Maria Allen; Carl Patrick Allen; Richard Dyson; Rev. D. Neff; Dina Warren

Linda Johnson – my grandson; Anthony Woodard; my dad; James Gibbs; my family



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Corinne Wallace-Crane, Alto

John Concepcion, Tenor

Vince Wallace, Bass



praymaker

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.

To learn more e-mail us at:

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