

# Worship Guide for Sunday, October 11, 2020

## *Meditations:*

Church is the core element in the strategy of the Holy Spirit for providing human witness and physical presence to the Jesus-inaugurated kingdom of God in this world. It is not that kingdom complete, but it is a witness to that kingdom.

- Eugene Peterson, *Practice Resurrection*

The Spirit brings the reality of the new world to come into the midst of the old world that is. It is the firstfruits of the coming harvest. It is the proof that we are heirs of the coming kingdom. And it is thus that the Spirit is witness--the recognizable presence of a future that has been promised but is not yet in sight. It is thus, also, that the Spirit is the source of hope--not just hope for ourselves, but hope for the completion of God's whole cosmic work.

- Leslie Newbigin, *The Open Secret*

## **Words of Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
**and make his face to shine upon us,**  
that your way may be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity**  
**and guide the nations upon earth.**  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**

*Psalm 67:1-5*

### **Gathering Hymn - 10,000 Reasons**

#### *Chorus*

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up its a new day dawningIts time to sing Your song againWhatever may pass

and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes *Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Chorus*

## **Call to Confession**

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

*1 John 5:21*

## **Confession Hymn - Confession of Sin**

**Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness & Peace**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*1 Peter 2:9*

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Passing of the Peace**

*[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]*

## **Hymns of Praise and Adoration -**

*Trinity Song*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit;  
Holy Communion, three-in-one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation,  
Bind us together in holy love.

*He is Lord*

*He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is Risen from the dead and He is Lord  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*Psalm 126*

*Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter  
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy  
Restore us, O Lord  
Restore us, O Lord*

*Although we are weeping  
Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
For the day You will reap them  
Your sheaves we will carry  
Lord, please do not tarry  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy*

*The nations will say, "He has done great things!"*

*The nations will sing songs of joy  
Restore us, O Lord  
Restore us, O Lord*

## **Living Our Faith**

### **Blessing of the Children**

### **Psalm Reading**

*Psalm 137:1-5*

By the waters of Babylon,  
    there we sat down and wept,  
    when we remembered Zion.  
2 On the willows there  
    we hung up our lyres.  
3 For there our captors  
    required of us songs,  
    and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
    “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”  
4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song  
    in a foreign land?  
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
    let my right hand forget its skill!

*Gloria Patri*

**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.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

### *Daniel 3*

King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

<sup>2</sup>Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup>They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

<sup>5</sup>Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup>Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. <sup>7</sup>The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>8</sup>Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. <sup>9</sup>Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

<sup>10</sup>The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, "O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. <sup>11</sup>There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, <sup>12</sup>because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Beltshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

<sup>13</sup>Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. <sup>14</sup>I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup>Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter. <sup>16</sup>But I have heard that you can give interpretations and

solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

<sup>17</sup>Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>18</sup>O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. <sup>19</sup>And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. <sup>20</sup>But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. <sup>21</sup>He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. <sup>22</sup>And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup>but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

<sup>24</sup>“Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup>And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. <sup>26</sup>This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup>Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup>Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

<sup>29</sup>Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>30</sup>That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. <sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

*1 Corinthians 10:12-14*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Matthew 4:3-4*

³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Kingdoms in Conflict*

## **Creed**

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Apostles' Creed*

## **Offering of Prayers of the People**

God, we come to you with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love. Your love never fails - not even we turn away from You; when we ignore Your invitation, or desert You for gods of our own making. Even then You do not abandon us but reach out - again and again -

inviting us back into relationship once more. As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers.

We bring them to You with confidence, knowing that You will hear and answer.

We pray for the world You created, and the people who share it with us:

- for countries caught up in war or violent conflict,
- for regions of the world struggling with increased cases of COVID-19,
- for those whose homes and lives are threatened by natural disaster;

For these and all the other areas in our world where there is need and despair,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country and for its people:

- for our government leaders, federal and local,
- for our judicial system, police forces and military,
- for our cities, towns, and rural communities,
- for employers and employees, for young and old,

For all who are part of this great country,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community - the people of Harrisburg,

- for those who are unemployed,
- for those in prison,
- for those who are hungry,
- for those who are alone and afraid,

For all our neighbors, both known and unknown to us,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation - our brothers and sisters in Christ,

- for those who are ill. or whose loved ones are ill,
- for those who are anxious about the future,
- for those struggling with their faith,
- for those who minister among us,

For all Your people in this place,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pour out Your Spirit on us! Fix our hearts and minds on what is true and honourable and right. Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing Your will. Keep us faithful to the call we have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord, extending Your loving invitation to the world around us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Offering of gifts and prayer**

*Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.*

## **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

### **Invitation**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

### **Praise God for His Mighty Acts**

Sovereign God, you foreknew us before the universe was created. In Abraham and Moses you called us to be your people, to draw near to you in your love and to reflect you in your world. In the power of your Holy Spirit, you predestined us to be conformed to the image of your crucified and risen Son. In Jesus you justified us by your grace, and on the last day you will glorify us to live with you forever. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your eternal praise.

### **Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*Holy, most holy, God, Lord God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light  
O, blessed is the One, the One who comes, comes in the name of God  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Praise for Christ's Sacrifice**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### **Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer**

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:  
**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.*

## **Closing Prayer**

### **Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

### **Closing Hymn - There is a Redeemer**

*There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One*

*Jesus my redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Oh, for sinners slain*

*(Chorus)  
Thank you, oh my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done*

*When I stand in Glory  
I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy Place*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Amen.**

### **Sheaffer Campout/ Worship Service and Potluck**

This year our Sheaffer Campout is going to look a little different than in years past. As we all have heard, the safest ways for groups to gather together is outside., so we will **move our Sunday gathered worship on October 18th out to the Sheaffer Retreat Property.** We recognize this will mean that we will not have service online that Sunday, but we hope that many of you who have not been able to join us inside, will come and join us for worship outside. For those who want to camp out Saturday night, you are welcome to come out anytime on Saturday. There will be a potluck lunch after the service that will be done with the safety of all involved in mind (servers for the food, sufficient hand sanitizer, etc.). We hope you will be able to make it! We will send out further information in the weekly newsletter.

**This afternoon, Oct. 11th at 12:00 PM** we will be meeting at Fort Hunter for another **Children's Lesson and Song time.** Any age is welcome but the teachings are geared towards children age 3-8ish. We will meet on the east side of the road, where the barn is located. We will be near the picnic tables and playground.

**Monday morning breakfast from 7-8 AM at the church.** Join us for a time of breakfast, Bible study and prayer. Everyone welcome!  
See Pastor Peter Rowan with questions.

**Tuesday afternoon Men's Bible Study** from 4-5 PM outside the home of David Kemper. See Pastor Peter Rowan with questions.

**Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Study,** 7-9 PM at the church. Studying I Samuel. See Melise Rowan with questions.

**Thursday Night Revelation Study,** 7:15-9 PM at the church. See Cathy Prescott or Sarah Fertsch with questions.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

**Please continue to pray** for Elaine and Gordon Zubrod

**Bill Orner** continues to receive dialysis Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Please hold Bill close in your prayers.

**Please pray for Andy Phillips** and all the staff and children at Logos Harrisburg.

**Please pray** for those in our church family who are elderly and/or immunocompromised that they would not contract the COVID 19 virus.

**Please pray** for the upcoming election.