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Becoming the Gospel: THE Story
October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATIONS

“Made for spirituality, we wallow in introspection. Made for joy, we settle for pleasure. Made for justice, we clamor for vengeance. Made for relationship, we insist on our own way. Made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment. But new creation has already begun. The sun has begun to rise. Christians are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ, all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world ... That, quite simply, is what it means to be Christian: to follow Jesus Christ into the new world, God's new world, which he has thrown open before us.

— N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*

When people drop the cheesy pick-up line “What’s your story?”, like a man who nicks his carotid artery while shaving, they’ve accidentally hit upon something vital.

- Julie Beck, "Life's Stories"

Readings for the coming week

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

	Psalm	Old	New Testament
Monday the 11th	Psalm 39	Job 26:1-14	Revelation 7:9-17
Tuesday, the 12th	Psalm 39	Job 27:1-22	Revelation 8:1-5
Wednesday the 13th	Psalm 39	Job 32:1-22	Luke 16:19-31
Thursday the 14th	Psalm 39	Job 36:1-16	Romans 15:7-13
Friday the 15th	Psalm 39	Job 37:1-24	Revelation 17:1-18
Saturday the 16th	Psalm 39	Job 39:1-30	Luke 22:24-30

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WELCOME

***Second City Church is a community that exists
to worship the Triune God
and to celebrate, in word and deed,
the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.***

WHO we are? Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.

WHAT is the Gospel? It is the announcement (literally “good news”) that Jesus’ cross and resurrection were the beginning of salvation for the entire cosmos and will be completed when he returns. God is restoring the peace (shalom) of his creation through the work of Christ and is renewing people, families, neighborhoods, cities and nations, as people trust and follow him.

HOW do we celebrate the Gospel? Through faithful proclamation and obedient demonstration. Weekly worship services are the core opportunity for everyone to know how God is setting things right and to thank him publicly for it. This public celebration spills over to the rest of our lives where we serve our neighbors as Christ has served us.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor. If you would like to indicate your presence to us or include a prayer request, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and place it in one of the slotted boxes in the back of the Social Hall.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

Gathering Hymn - Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King
Take my lips, and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose
Every power as Thou shalt choose

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
Ever, only, all for Thee

Greeting

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Confession Hymn - Jesus My Only Hope Confession of Sin

Je - sus, Je sus, Son of God Jes - us my on - ly
hope of sal - va - tion, have mer - cy on me, a sin - ner.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Je - sus, Je sus, Son of God Jes - us my on - ly'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'hope of sal - va - tion, have mer - cy on me, a sin - ner.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant,
O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus 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

Doxology

To Him who is able,
To keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him
[2x]

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able,
To keep you from falling

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
I'll lay my trophies down
All down at Jesus' feet
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain

To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him
[2x]

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able,
To keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him

He washed it white as snow

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Oh Praise the One who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead
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Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart

Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

'Cause You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh

And let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh oh, He is my song
[2x]

'Cause You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh

You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh

You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
[2x]

'Cause You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh
You are good
You're good, oh oh
[2x]

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
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Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

Living Our Faith

Blessing Our Children



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm Reading

Psalm 104:1-9; 31-35

O LORD my God, you are very great!

*You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
2 covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.*

*3 He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;*

*4 he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.*

*5 He set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be moved.*

*6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.*

*7 At your rebuke they fled;
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.*

*8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down
to the place that you appointed for them.*

*9 You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.*

*31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,*

*32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

*33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

*34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.*

*35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!*

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

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

Isaiah 53:1-5

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied

himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Mark 10:42-45

42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

Sermon - Rev. Peter Rowan - *Becoming the Gospel: THE Story*

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being

found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Offering of Prayers of the People

Merciful Father, give grace to your church,
that she would be a strong witness to the healing power of Christ,
bringing hope and the forgiveness of sins to all peoples;
may those gathered here continue to be richly blessed
by the proclamation of your Son's healing word;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Sovereign Lord, guide our county and all its governors and leaders,
that each may serve the citizens faithfully and with integrity;
cause justice to prevail among the nations and free our world from bloodshed;
grant protection from every evil, for those who police our communities
and those who find themselves in the midst of warfare;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, visit the lonely and provide them companions;
bless the labor of those in poverty and enlarge the generosity of others;
grant present shelter to the homeless and a path toward permanent homes;
inspire landlords to care for properties,
free our streets from violence, crime, and lawlessness,
and may honest and caring citizens fill our neighborhoods;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you raise up those who are broken;
strengthen and heal all who are ill or recovering from their infirmities,
that they might be renewed again to serve both God and their neighbor;
grant comfort to family and friends of those who have died,
and sustain them in the hope of the resurrection to life everlasting;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For what else should we pray?

Show us your mercy, O Lord.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Offering of Gifts

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

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.

Doxology

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

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.



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Sanctus

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

Loving God, you made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.
You gave Jesus to be our Savior and friend and to bring us to you.
You sent your Spirit to make us one family in Christ.
For these gifts of your love we thank you,
and we join with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:

Sanctus

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho san na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

A Gmaj7/A A E/G# F#m
 D A F#m B F#m B
 E G#m/D# C#m D#7 G#m F#

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Sharing Holy Communion

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

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn - Teach Us Your Ways

Teach us Your ways,
Teach us Your ways
As we learn from one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us Your ways

Teach us to give,
Teach us to give
Give ourselves for one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us to give

Teach us to weep,
Teach us to weep
Let us weep with one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us to weep

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Let us learn from one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us Your ways

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,
as the Family of the Father,
as the Redeemed of the Son,
and as the Fellowship of the Spirit.

Amen.



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The altar flowers today are sponsored in loving memory of her parents,
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Ed & Anna Camp
- Rachal Emerick
- Cindy Klein
- Rick Bakaric
- Erwin Russell and Nancy Green
- Lois Meighan (Kacy Cope's mother)
- Bill Orner
- Elista (Tiny) Vinnie
- Nevin White
- Gordon & Elaine Zubrod

Please be in prayer for the **Yawger family** as they mourn the loss of Karil's father.

Rachal Emerick recently fell and is now residing at Spring Creek at 1205 S. 28th St., Hbg., PA 17111. They are on lockdown so she is not able to have visitors. Cards and notes would be appreciated.

Paxton Ministries continues to fight the latest increase of COVID 19 cases in their residents and staff. Please pray that the virus is short lived this time around and that those infected would make a swift and complete recovery. **Please also include Dawn Pope and her daughters, Liberty and Glory in your prayers.** Dawn is on staff at Paxton Ministries and she and the girls also live there. Dawn is working long shifts to compensate for the staff members who are ill.

Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

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