"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' "

—C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce, Chapter 9

"Fame in this country and fame in that country are two quite different things."

(on the difference between earthly recognition and heavenly value)

—C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce, Chapter 9 "If we insist on keeping Hell (or even Earth) we shall not see Heaven: if we accept Heaven we shall not be able to retain even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of Hell."

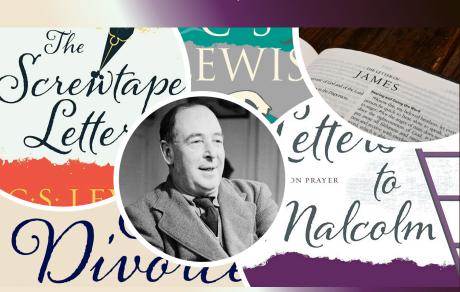
—C.S. Lewis

"You cannot take all luggage with you on all journeys."

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SERMON SERIES

AUGUST 10-31 If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office.

We will include it on the prayer request list for a month,

unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

Thank you to our Choir for leading worship music this morning!



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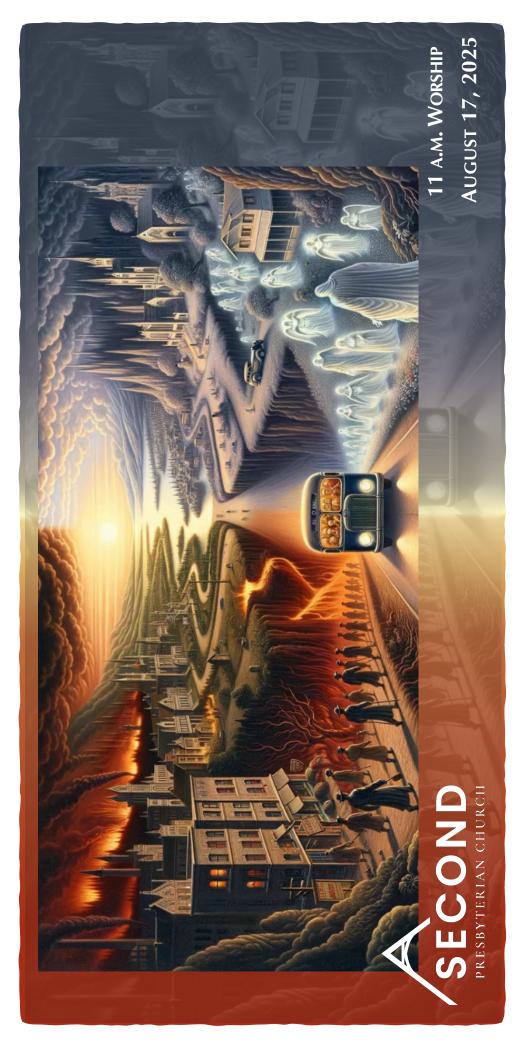
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### WE GATHER IN NEED OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### Chiming

As the bells ring, we quiet our voices and focus our hearts.

Welcome

**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship** 

### \*Call to Worship

Our longings have led us far, but not always well.

We have chased shadows and called them substance.

But God waits—not in anger, but in love.

To reorder our desires and reclaim our hearts.

Let us worship the God who gives grace to the humble.

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 527 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry" "... here to seek and find God's grace."

### \*Confessing Our Sin

Lord,

The wars around us

are echoes of the ones within.

We crave, so we compete. We want, so we wound.

We have not sought You. We have not resisted the pull of pride. We have been too much like the world, and too little like Christ.

Forgive us. Reclaim us. Lift us up as only grace can. Amen.

#### \*Receiving Grace

In Jesus Christ, the One who knelt to wash feet and bore a cross for your sake,

you are not cast down forever.

In Him, you are made clean.

You are lifted up by love.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

### WE HEAR THE WORD

### **Time of Discovery**



Rev. Nancy Rowland

Message

Friendship with the World, or Faithfulness to God? (James 4:1–10 and *The Great Divorce*)

### WE RESPOND IN HUMILITY

### **Meditating on Our Faith**

The Choir

Psalm 51: Create In Me

By Bob Hurd

### Mission and Ministry of the Church

#### **Offering Gratitude**

If "conflict begins in the heart," how might we pray for your heart at this time?

Please write your response, fold and put it in the black basket. Baskets will be brought forward as an offering,

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and pastoral staff will read and pray over them. If you are visiting, please consider sharing your name and contact information on a card and then putting that in the basket as well.

Thank you for all of the ways you support the mission of this church family. Please feel free to place financial gifts in the pew baskets or those in the front.

### **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.

#### \*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 627 "Just As I Am"
"... though tossed about with many a conflict..."

## WE DEPART IN JOY

#### \*Benediction

Go into this world, where shadows scream and idols glitter.

Go now, not with fists clenched for what the world offers,

but with hands open to grace. Resist the pull of pride.

Rest in the One who stoops low to raise you high.

And may the God of mercy guide you in your journey.

Amen.

### \*Singing a Departing Blessing

No. 947 "We Receive Your Blessing" Listen, then sing together