

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Adagio for Flute-Clock* Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Awake the Harp* from *The Creation* F. Joseph Haydn

Awake the harp, the lyre awake! And let your joyful song resound!
Rejoice in the Lord, the mighty Lord!
For He both heaven and earth has clothed in stately dress.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 714 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read responsively*

Creator God, Giver of life, you are the God who feeds, nourishes, and sustains.

Abundant God, You are the God who assures that we have more than enough and we do not doubt that you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Even in such assurance, we scramble for more.

You command generosity, we grasp in greediness.

We find ourselves always between obedience to you and coveting to advance our own interests.

Abundant God, We know that all we have is received from your hand.

We know that you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

But, at times, we fail. Stir us by your spirit beyond fearful accumulation toward outrageous generosity, that giving bread to others makes for peace, that giving drink to others makes for justice, that giving and sharing opens the world and assures abundance for all.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

Come, Thou Almighty King, vs. 4

ITALIAN HYMN

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 24

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:1–15

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Imagine, If You Will

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Philippians 2:5–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

SHARING GRACE

CALL TO PRAYER

In This Time

SIVIS

sung first by Youth Worship Arts, congregation joins when invited


In this time of quiet reverence, God, fill us now with ever-lasting peace,
and may each and every day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read in unison**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.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

You are invited to come forward and place your pledge card and offering in the baskets on the chancel steps. Please let an usher know if you are unable to bring forward your pledge card and offering, and they will bring an offering plate to you. Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin.



You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*...Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love,
till all thy life we gain and all thy fullness prove,
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace, behold without a veil Thy face.*

Charles Wesley, "Author of Life Divine"

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN

There Is A Dream That Thrills God's Heart
choir introduces vs. 1; congregation joins when invited.

BRAY



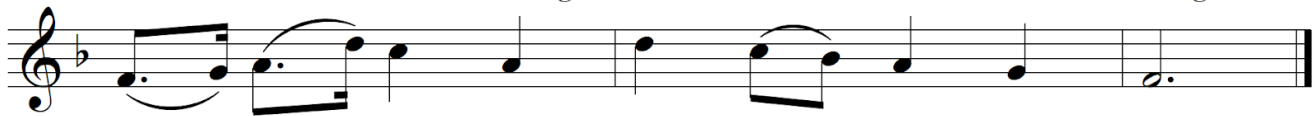
1. There is a dream that thrills God's heart and
2. God dreams that as a bo - dy knit with
3. One faith, one Lord, one God of all, one
4. E - quip, O God, your saints to do the
5. Draw forth from us and from our past the



draws our hearts to see how Christ, through us, would
pur - pose, beau - ty, skill, we shall as one to -
great di - vine em - brace, one church re - joic - ing
work of min - i - stry, and help us dream your
good and not the wrong, and strength - en us to



like each part of all that God has
ge - ther fit and blend our var - ied
at the call for e - very na - tion,
dream a - new and act to bring that
be at last, through faith and love, through



called to be in peace and u - ni - ty.
gifts to fill God's vi - sion - ar - y will!
soul, and race to know and live God's grace.
dream to be for all the world to see.
prayer and song, the church for which you long.

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C-major, BWV 545

J.S. Bach

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

USHERS

Joe Maloney, Nora Maloney, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan, Lillian Powers, Justin Powers

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;

Karen Hadley, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Youth Worship Arts Team: *Wilson Masick, Avery Summers; Leaders - Ricky Case, Jim Rittenhouse*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

*All music is printed or live-cast with permission under OneLicense.net #718492
and CCLI License No. #2036813.*

We Lift Up in Prayer

David, Leslie, Nancy, Susan, and the Morrow family on the death of mother Barbara,
10/31/22.

Stephanie Altobellis, Allysa, and Sergey Dunbar, Martha Hall, Sarah Parker, and the Dunbar
family on the death of husband, father, and brother, Tom Dunbar, 10/30/22.

Todd & Lindsey Anderson and their family on the death of his father, Dr. Todd Anderson,
Sr., 9/13/22.

The Ministry Team

Rev. Steven P. Jester sjester@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Jordan Akin jakin@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Associate Pastor for Formation & Mission</i>
Rev. Rich Gianzero rgianzero@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Interim Associate Pastor</i>
Hayley Abell habell@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Director of the Weekday School</i>
Jim Rittenhouse jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Director of Worship & Music Ministries</i>
Ricky Case rlcase01@gmail.com	<i>Student Music Coordinator</i>
Elizabeth Clay eclay@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Parish Associate</i>
Amy Heckmann aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Childcare Coordinator</i>
Michelle Hormann mhormann@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Ministry Coordinator for Care & Stewardship</i>
Diane Jackson diane.jackson@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Van Jones vjones@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Custodial Lead</i>
Amy Kiefner akiefner@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Tammy Kissling tkissling@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Ministry Coordinator for Formation & Mission</i>
Samuel Libra, DMA slibra@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Organist & Worship Assistant</i>
Elliott Nichols enichols@2ndpreslou.org	<i>Technology Coordinator</i>
Christina Recktenwald callasbouras@twc.com	<i>Children's Choirs Coordinator</i>
Paula S. Roberts	<i>Organist Emerita</i>



3701 Old Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207
502.895.3483
info@2ndpreslou.org
YouTube: 2ndPresLou

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.