



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

10:00 am



Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890. **Sower at Sunset**, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



Welcome! Your presence in the worshipping community is a gift! Please be sure to let us know you're here by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code. If you have the Connect app, you may also check in using Realm.

Large print bulletins are available at each entrance.

Hearing devices are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children through age 5.

At the sign * you may rise in body or spirit.

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

We Gather at God's Call

For Silent Meditation

Is anything distracting you as you enter worship today? Perhaps the fear of what might happen next. Or your anger about things you want to be different in the world, or in your life. Or even your plans for this afternoon or the days to come. If your heart is distracted by anything, let this be your prayer: "Silence within me, O God, anything which keeps me from giving you my whole heart as I join others to worship you. And receive the glory we have gathered to give. Amen."

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Eternal Source of Light Divine

G.F. Handel
arr. Phil Lehenbauer

*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

This is the day that God has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Into the wonder of this new day we come,

bringing with us our hopes, our fears, our very lives.

God of the morning, God of life,

we come into the company of pilgrims of faith.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and just God,

we glimpse your abundant presence

in the world you have created:

its power, beauty, diversity, and fertility.

Yet, we have misused power, trampled beauty,

sown seeds of hurt and division.

We long for peace but stake out absolutes;

we seek reconciliation with neighbor and nation

but step away when the cost is too great.

Forgive us, O God, and give us a steady resolve to follow you.

Mend our broken hearts and our broken world, by your grace.

Through Jesus, our companion and guide. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

The gospel story is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, receive this good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new!

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Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)
*Children can be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.
We will complete our worship by 11:00 am.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings	Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23
Sermon	<i>Eaten, Scorched, Choked...Surprise!</i> Katherine Redmond

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
and 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn 367 (Vss. 1, 3-4) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



*No matter how or where we give, our giving is an act of worship.
You may share your gifts by placing them
in one of the offering plates by each sanctuary door,
mailing them to the church office,
or through the secure online link to give electronically.*

Musical Offering

My Lord! What a Morning
Chris Burchett, baritone

arr. Melva Wilson Costen
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Refrain: *My Lord, what a morning;
O my Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

*You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

*You will hear the Christian shout to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

*Doxology (A Song of Praise)

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

John P. Leggett

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

***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.***

God Sends Us to the World

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Charge and Blessing

Katherine Redmond

*Postlude

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

Max Drischner

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Congregational Meeting



Today's flowers are given in memory of **David Kerns** on our **50th Wedding Anniversary** from Laura Kerns and family.

2026 Sanctuary Flowers: Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives you a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or baptism. Scan the QR code on page 7 to see the Sundays we have open, or contact the church office (859-254-7768).

This Week at Second

Sunday, July 12 10:00 am Worship 11:05 am Congregational Meeting 11:15 am Lemonade in the Courtyard	Thursday, July 16 <i>No events scheduled</i>
Monday, July 13 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)	Friday, July 17 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
Tuesday, July 14 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:30 pm OLLI Class (Forum Room)	Saturday, July 18 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum) 2:30 pm Wedding
Wednesday, July 15 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)	Sunday, July 19 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Lemonade in the Courtyard

Upcoming Events:

August 9: Blessing of the Backpacks
September 13: Return to Regular Worship Schedule

Children & Youth Announcements
Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org
Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Blessing of the Backpacks: Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, staff members, and anyone involved in education are invited to bring your backpack, or other tools of your office, to worship on **Sunday, August 9th** during the 10:00 worship.

Other Announcements

Sign-ups for all events can be found by scanning the QR code.

Additional information is available on our website.



The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow our service today for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. WOW and Nursery will continue so that parents/guardians are able to stay for the brief meeting.

Lemonade in the Courtyard will take place today following the congregational meeting. Please exit the sanctuary by the door to your left. An elevator or stairwell will take you to the lower level. This is a wonderful way to get to know others in our church family! We are also looking for those who may be interested in being a host. To sign up, please scan the QR code above or call the church office (859) 254-7768.

Coffee & Conversation: Join Pastor John, various staff members, and unknown others from the congregation **each Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am** (or so) in the Gathering Place.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Update: Thanks to your generous prayers, financial support, and volunteer hours, this home is truly taking shape. As we look toward **Phase 3** (the finishing touches, drywall, painting, and landscaping), we need your help more than ever! **Stop by the Gathering Place to sign up to volunteer, bring lunch to the workers or donate.**

During the summer months, remember to bring your non-perishable food items on Sunday, or during office hours, and place them in the **God's Pantry Blue Barrel**, located at the bottom of the steps near the youth entrance.

Church Prayer List: Please contact the church office if you would like to add yourself or someone else to our prayer list. To keep the congregation's prayer list focused on immediate prayer concerns, we will ordinarily remove names and causes after three weeks. You may also contact the church office if you wish to have a name or cause on our prayer list for an extended period.

Women's Saturday Discussion Group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

Men's Book Group meets each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662 for Zoom instructions and details.

Blue bins are available at each sanctuary exit for you to **recycle your bulletin.**

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

Kathy Blomquist
Julia Leopold
Sally Bradford
Robbie Messer
Marilyn Smedley

Nellie Little
Jorene Terry
Dwight Carpenter
Kenny Leatherman
David Porter

Global Concerns

You may keep up with the most recent and ongoing responses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the link on our church website, or by going directly to the denomination's website at www.pcusa.org. Your gifts support good and important work.

Church Staff

Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music and Covenant Choir
Martha Anderson, Organist
Katie Baird, Assistant Director of Children and Youth
Jenna Coy, Director of Children and Youth
Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse
Scarlet Hall, Director of Finance and Operations
Jerry Huddleston, Security
Evelyn Kramer, Clerk of Session
John P. Leggett, Pastor
Robert Lockard, Maintenance/Security
Julianna Nitz, Carillon Hand Bell Director
Shawn Phelps, Administrative Assistant
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