



Worship with us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

August 27, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

While I am a firm believer in the dignity of work, I would not say that I've been dignified by every single job I've ever had.

As I've preached on many occasions, some of my jobs from my twenties were pretty terrible.

The Bible names this duality right from the start.

Genesis reports that Adam had a job from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, naming God's creatures and being charged with care for the garden, "to till and look after it." Maybe a sign of dignified work?

Sadly, it does not last. After Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden, God tells Adam, "only by the sweat of your brow will you earn your bread until you return to the earth."

The words make me remember those times I came home from work, feeling half-dead, nearly too tired to heat up a can of soup, much less take an all-things-considered-very-patient dog for a walk, or even call someone on the phone to complain.

There's a world of difference between that kind of deep fatigue that comes from a full but wonderful day, and the kind that is drained and dispirited, maybe even too exhausted to try to get out of the cycle.

In our beloved town, there can be a lot of attention on prominent titles at prominent institutions that stand at the top of prominent fields. That's amazing. It takes a lot to get there, and just as much to stay, and to hear our neighbors talk about what they do is often fascinating.

Sadly, there are also many in those positions who are wildly successful, but still come home feeling like a three-day old balloon, faded, diminished, and quickly losing buoyancy.

This is why it is so important to remember that God wants something else for us—a life in which our labor is part (but only a part) of a larger and more complete vision for ourselves and our families. A life that may be less

impressive but more substantive.

With God, dignity comes from finding ourselves made larger, and not simply “bigger.” It’s about how what we do can ennoble us.

As we take time this weekend to celebrate Labor Day, it is a good moment to reflect on our own labor, as well as the intricate, interwoven web of toil that sustains every person, house, and community.

Is it a celebration of rewarding pursuits or a recognition of earning our bread by the sweat of our brow? Maybe both, depending.

But the invitation is to find work worth doing, and a self worth being.

May we return to our labors refreshed and ready, eager to serve, and blessed in the serving.

See you in church,

Max

Sermons are always
available online:
[2CCSermons](#)

If you can't make it in person, join us
via [Livestream for our 9:30 a.m.](#)
Sunday service.

Children's Chapel...

This summer through Labor Day weekend, all children are encouraged to meet in the nursery from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for a very special summer worship experience for infants to school age children entering grade 5.

This is in alignment with our Summer worship schedule.

Children's Chapel this summer will include worshiping outside, special guests, crafts, games, scripture lessons, prayer, and worship services designed with young hearts and boundless energy in mind.

For more information please feel free to contact me anytime at Jenny@2cc.org

Mark your calendars...



Chasing Romeo

2CC Night Out!

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 p.m.

Roger Sherman Baldwin Park

2CC children will
be invited up on
stage to help play
back up on the
tambourines!

Due to rain this event has been
rescheduled to August 27

We encourage you to bring your lawn chairs and join us for this free concert. Chasing Romeo is a local Pop/Rock Band that is playing at Roger Serman Baldwin Park on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. As a special treat, 2CC children will be invited up on stage to help play back up on the tambourines!

RSVPs not needed, but always helpful so we can be on the lookout for you.

[Email Jenny about Chasing Romeo
Event](#)

Moms' Prayer Group

Thursday, August 28

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for Moms' Evening Prayer Group – a welcoming space for mothers to connect, share, and lift each other up in faith. We understand the joys, the challenges, and the constant juggling act.



Come as you are, at the end of your day, to find:

Community, encouragement, spiritual refreshment & support.

Whether you're a new mom, navigating the school years, raising teens, or an empty nester there's a place for you.

Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!



Ready to find your tribe?

For location please RSVP to: Jenny@2cc.org

Sweet treats, and beverages provided.

At Moms' Prayer Group we are hoping to:

- Connect with other moms who "get it."
- Encouragement: Share your heart, your praises, and your struggles in a safe, confidential environment.
- Spiritual Refreshment: Spend time in prayer, drawing strength and wisdom from God's Word.
- Support: Pray for your children, your family, and yourself, knowing you're not alone

Email: Jenny@2cc.org for more information or to RSVP

Homecoming Weekend...

SATURDAY OF
SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

2CC IS PARTNERING
WITH CHURCH WORLD
SERVICE TO ASSEMBLE
BACK TO SCHOOL
"KIDS KITS".

PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP ASSEMBLE KIDS KITS TO BE
DISTRIBUTED BY CHURCH WORLD SERVICE.

HELP KIDS DREAM BIG AND REACH FOR THE STARS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: 2CC
OUTREACH CHAIR, JENNIFER ROTH
AT [JROTH2007@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jroth2007@gmail.com)

COFFEE, JUICE, BAGELS AND DONUTS PROVIDED

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

DETAILS AT 2CC.ORG



Email Jennifer for more
information



Homecoming Sunday September 7 10:30 a.m.

Our musical guests will be a Bluegrass band during worship and during the all-church picnic immediately following the service.

All are
welcome!

Sunday Potluck BBQ: please bring a salad or side dish for 6-8 people that does not need reheating in a disposable dish/pan (aluminum, etc.) and, if possible, plastic serving utensils.

The 2CC ice cream cart will also be there, so we request that you do not bring a dessert

Looking Ahead...

Teddy Bear Story Time is Back!

Teddy Bear Story Time & Fair!

Saturday, September 27

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Coffee For Good
48 Maple Avenue in Greenwich

Following Story Time, we will have our very first "Bear Fair" outside on the Mead Lawn.

This special event will allow for the opportunity to engage with members of our wonderful neighborhood and community helpers.



Roll out of bed,
grab your bear
and hope to see
you there!



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