

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017  
Church Year A  
Proper 11

*Hope is being able to see the light despite all of the darkness. -Desmond Tutu*

Today's hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Prelude on SLANE" -Healey Willan  
(Hymn No. 451 - "Be Now My Vision")

\*Call to Worship

One: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living.  
Many: We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.  
One: Sometimes we'd rather dwell on how things used to be.  
Many: Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.  
One: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom and hope with us.  
Many: It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.  
One: We will look to the new day, striving for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity,  
Many: and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.

\*Hymn "Blessed Assurance" No. 473

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, each and every day you offer to us new hope and special blessings. From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of your love pours on your creation. We love all these things, but we tend to hold onto each of

your blessings just for yourselves. Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to you. Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy, born in hope, expectation, and adventure; for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!  
Many: And also with you!

Let the Children Come Karen Small  
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Anthem "Many Gifts, One Spirit" -Allen Pote

Scripture Lessons Hebrew scripture: Isaiah 44:6-8  
From the Gospels: Matthew 13:24-30  
From the Epistles: Romans 8:12-27

Sermon **We are Saved by Hope**

Call to Prayer (unison) "Breathe on Me Breath of God" No. 292  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 403

\*Commission and Blessing

\*Closing Response

"God Be With You"

No. 809

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

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\*Postlude

"Toccata"

-John Weaver