

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

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

*"We all operate in two contrasting modes, which might be called open and closed. The open mode is more relaxed, more receptive, more exploratory, more democratic, more playful and more humorous. The closed mode is the tighter, more rigid, more hierarchical, more tunnel-visioned. Most people, unfortunately, spend most of their time in the closed mode."* – John Cleese

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Prelude on AMAZING GRACE" -George Shearing

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 42

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that our hearts are closed tight against your love and mercy. We hold on to unlove for ourselves, resentment against those for whom we care, anger at our helplessness, and complicity in the structure of society. We have protected ourselves emotionally, socially and spiritually; and our selfishness has nourished the pain of the world rather than its hope. Open, loosen and unbind us, God. Enable our frozen hearts to love, our clenched hands to help, and our stifled spirits to breathe and pray. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Extravagant Grace

\*Canticle of Praise

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

\*Passing the Peace

Let the Children Come

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Moment of Mission

Anthem "Love Never Faileth" -Griel Fauré

Scripture Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon **Open or Closed**

Call to Prayer "I Need You Every Hour" No. 517

I need you every hour, O God of grace;  
the peace your voice affords, I now embrace.  
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to you.

Prayers of Intercession 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 "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You" No. 503

\*Blessing

\*Choral Response "Part in Peace" No. 78

Part in peace! our voices raising, in God's presence always be.  
This the worship and the praising, bringing peace to you and me.

\*Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" -Vincent Lübeck