

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail.”

– *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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

Welcome and Announcement

Prelude “Prelude on HYFRYDOL” -Paul Manz

Call to Worship

One: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned!

Many: A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

One: We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of human family.

Many: We remember those whose love have shaped our lives and those whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.

One: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

Many: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

*Hymn “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” No. 459

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand... forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifference, and self-centering... forgive us. For unkindness and the lack of kindness... forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice and suffering... forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love... forgive, heal, and transform us into your servant people. 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

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

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 “Gather Us In” -Albrecht/Althouse

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon **Keeping Jesus Right Side Up**

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 “God Our Author and Creator” No. 530
(alternate tune no. 495, Beecher)

