

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

"Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks! Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

– Phillips Brooks, 19th century, Trinity Church, Boston

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Mists Over the Mountains" -W. Gillock

Call to Worship

One: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

Many: With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity – with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.

One: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

Many: O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.

One: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

Many: Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice.

One: Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.

Many: Praise be to God!

*Hymn "Let Us With a Joyful Mind" No. 16

*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.

A Prayer for Workers

(Insert)

Scripture Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon **A Larger Purpose**

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, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" No. 531

*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 "Bourrée in e minor" from Suite in e minor for Lute -J.S. Bach