

In humility  
regard others  
as better  
than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, NRSV

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 27, 2020

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Improvisation on CRUSADER'S HYMN*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Swann

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

Leader: Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today?

**People:** *Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted?*

Leader: Who will you lead us to serve?

**People:** *Help us trust you. Help us listen.*

Leader: Bless this community as we come together in worship.

**ALL:** *Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

God of patience, your people grow weary.

We complain and question.

We put you to the test.

Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no.

When we wander off your path,

when we fail to follow through on our good intentions,

when we give our attention to trivial things;

gently call us back to you.

Empty our hearts of anger and pride.

Empty our souls of greed and selfishness.

Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust.

As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son,

pour your Spirit into our hearts today.

Forgive us our wrong doing, and reclaim us with your love.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Leader: Friends in Christ,  
our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding.  
Christ hears our cries of repentance.  
The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out.  
The One who created us promises to care for us,  
even when we turn away.  
Hear these words of forgiveness.  
Be strengthened to walk as disciples.

*People: Trust in God's mercy, for we are forgiven. Amen.*

**THE WORD**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**MUSIC**

*Cornerstone*  
Lindsey Patterson, soloist

*Edward Mote, Reuban Morgan  
and Eric Liljero*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Speak to us, Lord, through these scriptures.  
Remind us again of your everlasting power.  
May we know your story and our place within it.  
May we remember your mighty works and deeds,  
that we might know that you are the God of all ages.  
May we claim your promise and share your love.  
We are listening, Lord; speak to us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

*Philippians 2:1-13*

*Rev. John White*

**HOMILY**

*"Working Out Who We Are"*

*Rev. John White*

**RESPONSE**

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**SENDING**

**CHARGE**

*Rev. John White*

**BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro maestoso e vivace*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Mendelssohn*

