

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021, 10:00 AM

## Watchword of the Week:

*Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."*

Mark 9:35

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Tony Hayworth

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## Prelude

*Jesus Loves Me*

Arr. Whitworth

## Call to Worship

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**God's ways are just and merciful.**

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.**

## Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Tony

## Liturgy – Peace and Justice, p. 148

How should we come before the holy One and bow before God on high?

**God has shown what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

HYMN TO JOY

Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken  
Worked your mercy's perfect deed.  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;

**For your steadfast love endures forever!**

Who can utter your mighty works, or show forth all your praise?

**Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

**When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?**

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

BAHNSON

"Come now, you blessed; eat at my table,"  
Christ Jesus said to the righteous above.  
"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,  
Sick and in prison you showed me your love."

"Christ, when we see you out on life's highways,  
Looking to us in the faces of need,  
Then may we know you, welcome and show you  
Love that is faithful in word and in deed."

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If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise like the dawn; your goodness will go before you and the glory of God behind you.

**God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

As we consider these things, let us confess our sins in silence.

(Silent confession)

The peace of Christ be with you;

**And also with you.**

QUEBEC

Give me your courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself as victim live,  
Rememb'ring you, may I forgive.

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Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**For they will be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**For they will inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**For they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**For they will receive mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**For they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**For they will be called children of God.**

Jesus said: You have heard it said, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgment.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

PERFECT LOVE

Follow with rev'rent steps the great example  
Of him whose holy work was doing good;  
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,  
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Praise God, all you nations,

**Praise God, all you people!**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be One who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm. One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock in a barren land. One whose eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people.

Our God says:

**Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.**

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

**He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.**

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

**We will walk in the paths he has chosen.**

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

**We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

**We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.**

Justice will roll down like waters,

**And righteousness like an everflowing stream.**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.**

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

**To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

SINE NOMINE

Peacemakers! Blest by Christ's inviting word,  
Children of God, let everywhere be heard  
The sounds of peace and justice not deferred.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Tony

**Anthem**

*Give Me Jesus*

Arr. Danner

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**Reading of God's Word**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

Mark 9:30-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 740**

*I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour*

NEED

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
no other voice but thine  
can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee,  
ev'ry hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior -  
I come to thee!

I need thee ev'ry hour;  
stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their pow'r  
when thou art nigh. [Refrain]

I need thee ev'ry hour;  
teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises  
in me fulfill. [Refrain]

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed,  
thou blessed Son. [Refrain]

**Sermon**

*So, You're a Wise Guy/Gal?*

Pastor Tony

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

**Hymn 673**

*Christian Hearts, in Loved United*

CASSEL (167 A)

Christian hearts, in love united,  
seek alone in Jesus rest;  
has he not your love excited?

Then let love inspire each breast.  
Members — on our Head depending,  
light — reflecting him, our Sun,  
brethren — his commands attending,  
we in him, our Lord, are one.

Come then, come, O flock of Jesus,  
covenant with him anew;  
unto him, who conquered for us,  
pledge we love and service true;  
and should our love's union holy  
firmly linked no more remain,  
wait ye at his footstool lowly,  
till he draw it close again.

Grant, Lord, that with thy direction  
"Love each other" we comply.  
aiming with unfeigned affection  
thy love to exemplify;  
let our mutual love be glowing,  
thus the world will plainly see  
that we, as on one stem growing,  
living branches are in thee.

O that such may be our union  
as thine with the Father is,  
and not one of our communion  
e'er forsake the path of bliss;  
may our light break forth with brightness,  
from thy light reflected shine;  
thus the world will bear us witness  
that we, Lord, are truly thine.

## **Benediction**

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