

September 19, 2021 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ *“There is a Fountain”* (arr. Berry) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Come, let us worship God together with joy and gladness.

People: Let us praise God with songs.

Leader: With stillness of hearts and minds, let us listen for the voice of God.

People: And with faithfulness and love, let us joyfully go out into the world to serve in the Kingdom of God.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #735 ~ “I Need Thee Every Hour”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, Light of the World and our lives, we come to you in prayer, seeking your guidance and forgiveness. You have called us to spread the Gospel and show love and mercy wherever we are. Yet, Lord, we confess that we have let status and privilege distract and divide us. Forgive us, Jesus. Remind us that we are called to serve one another. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #743 ~ *“O God, You Are My God”*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *“I Love This Family”* (arr. C. Bowes)

I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,

They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.

Offering Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Jeremiah 11:18-20

Special Music

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 9:30-37

Message ~ “Servant of all”

*Hymn #729 ~ “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*”

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ “*Meet Me Here*”

Meet me here. Find me in my wanderings.

Meet me here. Deep within my soul.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

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 #727 ~ “*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant - The Servant Song*”

*Benediction

*Choral Response #616 ~ “*Our God Is an Awesome God*”

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

Postlude ~ “*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*” (arr. Berry)

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ROMANS 12:4 will meet in the Social Hall following the worship service.

A donation to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries has been given by
Bill and Pat Garvey in honor of Dr. Fauci.

A memorial service for Peter Rettig will be held at St. Paul’s on Thursday,
September 23 at 11:00AM.

REMINDER from your Board of Deacons.... The Board of Deacons unanimously agreed that in lieu of chancel flowers, having those memorial and honorific donations go to our Hunger Ministries aligns more with our purpose. We will continue to accept donations in honor

or in memory of someone or something, or as a gift to the Hunger Ministries. An acknowledgement will go into the bulletin, as was the procedure for chancel flower donations. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible.

Donations may NOT be made in advance for future dates. To donate, please:

- **Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons**
 - **In the Memo line, write: Hunger Ministries**
 - **Enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).**
- Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, or you may drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with us all.

From Pam Phillips... "Can you help greet shoppers? The dress room is open and doing great. Shoppers are only one to three at a time and by appointment only. I would make appointments to meet your schedule. Just need a couple of hours whenever you can. Let me know if you can help. Thank you! Pam -

734-634-2445 - pamphillip@sbcglobal.net

Also, we need long dry cleaner bags."

From Gary Earnley... "Life Remodeled is asking for volunteers for it's annual 'cleanup the neighborhood.' This year it will be afternoon 1-5PM shifts from October 4-10. Please contact me at 734.464.7865 if interested in any of these days."

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Gail Artinian, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel
The Dylegowski Family ~ friends of Jan Burgess
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Schilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)