



9th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Canzona

Gathering—Jesus calls us to seek after treasures in heaven, to share of our resources and give alms to those who have not. He calls us to build God’s kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Let us turn our hearts in worship to our God who longs for justice for the lowly and orphan, who looks after the rights of the poor and the destitute, who recuses the lowly and the needy, and invites us to do the same.

A Time of Prayer—God of justice and peace, we call on you in our worship this day to enrich us with your presence. As we come before you in worship, we bring all that we are, including both our burdens and our treasures. We pray that this time we have together might inspire us to do your kingdom work. Help us to recognize the abundant blessings that you have already given us as we search the scriptures for your Good News...

The Lord's Prayer (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.

We Hear God’s Word

Psalm 82 (CEB)

God takes his stand in the divine council; ³ Give justice to the lowly and the
 he gives judgment among the gods: orphan;
² “How long will you judge unjustly maintain the right of the poor and the
 by granting favor to the wicked? Selah destitute!

⁴ Rescue the lowly and the needy.
Deliver them from the power of the wicked!

⁵ They don't know; they don't understand;
they wander around in the dark.
All the earth's foundations shake.

⁶ I hereby declare, "You are gods,
children of the Most High—all of you!

⁷ But you will die like mortals;
you will fall down like any prince."

⁸ Rise up, God! Judge the earth
because you hold all nations in your possession!

Meditation

Treasure Hunt Playlist

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations, #621

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Jesus call us to bring our treasures and give alms, to the mindful of the least of these, to extend God's care through our love of neighbor. Let the treasure we bring this day be used for the building of God's kingdom.

August Benevolence—Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at
www.zionuccindy.net/donate

Doxology

We Give Thanks— We thank you, Loving God, [for the gifts we return to you this day.] Multiply these gifts and Your spirit in us, that the world may know your life-giving will and way.+

Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, #344

Benediction— May you remember, God has [blessed] Your life and given you a song to sing into the world. May it be a song of healing and hope, of justice and joy. And may you discover yourself blessed again and again as you find yourself joined on the journey with Jesus. Blessings on you, beloved of God.+

Postlude

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