



14th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Blessed Quietness

Gathering—The Great Potter has called us to worship this day to be reformed and reshaped by mercy and grace. We come ready to be transform. We come ready to be held in God’s hands. We come ready to carry into the world the mercy and grace that shapes our very being. Let us worship.

A Time of Prayer— Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the mighty power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. In your mercy and grace, we pray.~

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSV)

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection Song

Change My Heart, O God, #373

Meditation

Jars of Clay: Shaped by Mercy

Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, #61

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Let us give thanks to God the Potter, for the mercy and grace we have received, by bringing this day our gifts, talents, and resources as our offerings. May they be used to extend far and wide the mercy and grace that has been made known this day.

September Benevolence—Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries (CUE)

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Doxology

We Give Thanks— Thank you, generous God of grace, for pouring your love, mercy, and abundance so freely upon us. Pour this same love, mercy, and abundance upon the gifts we now return to you, that they may become signs of grace and instruments of love that help form and shape this world. Amen.~

Hymn

Amazing Grace, #422

Benediction— Found by God, we go now to help others find their way. Loved by Christ, we go now to share Christ's love with the world. Blessed by the Spirit, we go now to bless others with mercy and grace.~

Postlude

Fantasia on "Praise Him! Praise Him!"