

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**Prelude***Air*

**Gathering**— With faith the size of a mustard seed, God can do amazing things. With gratitude and praise, we gather to worship our God from whom all blessings flow. With persistent prayers, we turn to our just God in trust and hope. Let us worship.

**A Time of Prayer**— Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith.~

**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***Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)*

18Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

**Meditation**

*Prayer and Heart*

**Hymn**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer, #478*

**We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**— Even as God invites us to bring our needs in prayer, God also invites us to bring our gifts in service to the world. Let us bring our gifts with as much tenacity and courage as we bring our needs and prayers before God.~

**October Benevolence**—Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

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**Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**— Mighty God, bestow your power and strength on these gifts we now return to you. Multiply them as they go forth to serve your church and your world. Amen.~

**Hymn**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand, #500*

**Benediction**— As people of prayer, go now to live your prayers. As people of faith, go now to live in faith. As people of love, go now to live with love.~

**Postlude**

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