



*The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

## **Prelude**

*Berceuse*

**Gathering**— When you are weary in your bones ... here you will find rest. When you are divided from family and friends ... here you will find peace. When you are discouraged and downhearted ... here you will find hope and courage. When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you ... here you will find succor and peace.~

## **\*\*Hymn**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center, 477*

**Prayer**—Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence.+

**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.

## **Exploring God's Word for All Ages—Rest**

### **We Hear God's Word—Mark 6:30-34 (NRSV)**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had

compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

**Meditation**

*Radical Compassion: Rest*

**Hymn**

*I Need Thee Every Hour, 476*

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

**Invitation**—A faithful life reflects a spirit of generosity born from trusting God who provides and replenishes our resources. God’s creation is abundant so that all needs will be met when we share the gifts we have been given. Let our giving reflect our gratitude and commitment to beloved community.+

**Opportunities to Serve**

**July Benevolence**—CUE (Chicago, United, Eden) Seminaries

**Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—Generous God, we give these gifts to you through this faith community. May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. Amen.+

**Hymn**

*Praise Him! Praise Him! 95*

**Benediction**—God calls us away to bless us with rest. In God, we find peace. Our shepherd watches over us day and night. In Christ, we dwell secure. The Spirit anoints us with holy love. In the Spirit, we find healing. Go as the beloved household of God.~

**Postlude**

*Tell It to Jesus*