



Reach One More For Jesus!  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2020

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Erneuertem Gesangbuch Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Betty Neese  
Thank you for this lovely fall day, Creator God. I praise you for this time of rest and worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Betty Neese

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

L: Life can seem shrouded in mystery.

**P: O Lord, lift the veil of our misunderstanding that we may see Your Light.**

L: We are eager to serve.

**P: O Lord, calm our spirits and patiently prepare us for service.**

L: Look to the Lord for mercy and comfort.

**P: We look to the Lord for healing and hope. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" Sung twice Hymnal Page #176  
Majesty, worship his majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority, Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese  
**As we still ourselves we recognize that wherever we are, we are in God's presence and the God we know in Jesus waits patiently for us. Lord our God, help us to know Your ways and teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth for You are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

READINGS Betty Neese

2 Cor. 4:8-9 NRSV

<sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "HANDLING MY PROBLEMS JESUS' STYLE!" Pastor Tom

1. When My Situation Looks Depressing, I Need To Think About The Goodness Of God.

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2. When My Situation Looks Defeating, I Need To Think About The Greatness Of God.

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3. When My Situation Looks Dark, I Need To Think About The Closeness Of God.

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PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Betty Neese

God of abundance, You fill us with good things; You satisfy our thirst; You meet our every need. From Your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" VS. 1 & 2

Hymnal Page #577

1 God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" by Sydney Hugo Nicholson

Thelma Downey