

September 26th & 27th – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

A Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt and dare to name difficult truths. Bless our hands as we minister in your name today at the YWCA Empowerment Center where many turn for help. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Today some of us will go to the Bickelhaupt Arboretum to care for all you have placed there for your people. May we honor you with our work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need *especially LeAnn, Suzan, Erin Tom & Judy, Larry, Ernie, Kay, Doug, Thomas* and all those we now name silently and aloud. (pause). May the quilts we tie and send out bring healing to all who receive them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Use our hands today at the Felix Adler Discovery Center as we learn more of their mission to our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Thank you for the opportunity to bring sources of food to local food pantries through the "Take Away Hunger" meal project. May families be blessed. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. We remember Bob Turner and Jeanie's own sister. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.