

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

*Indicates please stand if you are able.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Announcements

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Wind blows away seed sown on a path. Seed has no chance to penetrate rocky ground with roots. Weeds overtake seed sown among thorns. However, humus offers seed the necessary components for germination, sustenance, and the bearing of fruit.

Let us be like fertile compost so we might be well-prepared to hear, receive, and bring to fruition God's will for us on earth.

Let us join together in prayer

God who hears us, we would turn our ear to you. God who listens to what we have to say, we would listen with our whole selves. God who nourishes and sustains us, we would care for the truths you offer as tenderly as for a newly planted seedling.

For the sake of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

Bell Choir

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are not perfect. We've made poor choices and lost sight of you in our lives. Forgive us our trespasses and help us to tend to the positive, fruitful parts of ourselves, our church, and our community so that we will be ready at harvest time to receive your gift of eternal presence. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

The gospel of Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Morning Message

Pastor McCarthy

Morning Prayers • Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Bell Choir

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

Postlude