

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry  
**God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

\*Hymn 697 *Take my Life*

## SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Charge & Benediction Rev. Sheri Fry

Congregational Benediction Response (to the tune of *Edelweiss*)  
**May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.**  
**Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.**  
**Children of God, May you bloom and grow,**  
**Bloom and grow forever.**  
**May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.**

Postlude Reggie Berg

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 Liturgist: Joyce Matthews  
 Flautist - Katie Wherry



*A Service for the Lord's Day*  
*June 13, 2021 ~ 10:00 am*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.  
 Parts with an asterisk \* mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

## GATHERING TOGETHER

*As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.*

### Prayer of the Day

Good people, most royal greening verdancy, rooted in the sun, you shine with radiant light.  
 In this circle of earthly existence, you shine so finely, it surpasses understanding. God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God. ~ Hildegard of Bingen

Gathering Music Reggie Berg

Welcome Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit Katie Wherry

Call to Worship Liturgist Joyce Matthews

One: Come and see what bloomed in the garden while we were asleep! What unfurling Spirit has done in the dark:  
**All: How solidarity sprouts where ego was weeded out.**  
 One: How compassion blossoms from the ground where we sat and shared stories.  
**All: Let us gather**  
 One: that we might be to each other branch and shade,  
**All: that we might rejoice in God who tends our intentions and blesses our rest.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle (unison)

**We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.**

\*Hymn 761                      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)                      Rev. Sheri Fry  
**Holy One we commit our actions and resources to the flourishing of our human family, our planet home, and our sacred selves. We mourn for the ways we have lived into the lie of self-sufficiency. We repent for denying our interconnectedness. We have gratitude for the creativity of the Beloved who joins us co-creating the community we truly desire. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love                      Rev. Sheri Fry

\*Response of Praise                      *Glory be to the Father*  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)                      Joyce Matthews  
**May your word take root; In the soil of our hearts;  
As we grow deeper each day in our life together.**

First Lesson                      2 Corinthians 5:6-10                      Joyce Matthews  
Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.  
All:    **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                      Reggie Berg & Katie Wherry

Second Lesson                      Mark 4:26-34                      Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon                      *Sowing Seeds*                      Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection



RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Please see the service of installation on the insert.*

Call to Prayer                      Reggie Berg

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer                      Rev. Sheri Fry

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory                      Reggie Berg

\*Doxology, Hymn 607  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

## Here's What's Happening

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- Mondays - Men's Shed 9:30 - 12:00
- June 17th - Sometime Circle Lunch 12:30 at The Ranch Country Club on 120th



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## Joys and Concerns

Please pray for Sara Love, whose former husband Larry Tyburczy died suddenly; for Maxine K, recovering well from a broken bone; Mary K and Dawna S, recovering from surgery; for Wava's family, grieving her loss; the family of Barb W., who is now living with her daughter due to severe Alzheimer's disease; for the family of Burton K., who is in memory care; and for Michelle W; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.



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**Church-wide Barbeque Following Church - All are Welcome!**



## Sermon Musings ~ Mark 4:26-34

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contexts train us to measure one another, to view others narrowly according to hierarchies and norms, the wisdom of God can be confusing, surprising, or shocking. Throughout all these texts, there is a testimony to the holy unexpected. It's the dry tree that will flourish. The mustard seed that is kingdom like. Through our faith, we come to unlearn our old ways of knowing, perceiving as God perceives.

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