



Living Life in the Spirit
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PRELUDE

Good, Good, Father

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WELCOME

INTROIT

Faith of Our Father's

Jubilation Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, you scatter the seed of your grace in this world.

All: It produces blessing, though we know not how.

Leader: You scatter the seed of your love in us.

All: It sprouts and grows, though we do not know how.

Leader: When the time is ripe you gather your harvest.

All: We offer our love to you, for the harvest is yours.

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus Christ,

we remember with gratitude those people

who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

Pause for a time of reflection

Above all. we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others;

the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours;

the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement;

the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry.

Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

LISTENING PRAYER

Gracious God, as plants in a garden root themselves in rich soil, and open themselves to the rain and sun, so we root ourselves in your Presence. We open ourselves to your Word. And we await the working of your Spirit within us, so that what you have planted in us may bear fruit. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:26-34 Common English Bible

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

MESSAGE

Living Life in the Spirit: Unstoppable!

ANTHEM

Run to the Father

Parish Drive

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2*

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let us remember those seeds of love, hope, grace, and peace which we carry in our hearts and souls, as well as our wallets and purses, so that in remembering, we would offer them to our God for use in the work of reconciliation and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

* **CLOSING HYMN**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

see insert

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

I Wish You Peace

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TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

***Please join us as we continue our worship
with food and conversation in fellowship hall***

Questions to Ponder

In what ways could you say that you have already experienced God's reign in your life and world?

What impact has that experience had on you?

What similarities do you see in these two parables about seeds?

What do they tell you about God's reign and what can you learn from them about experiencing God's reign in your life now?

Can you describe a moment when your life naturally and automatically invited others to find rest in your welcome, acceptance, compassion, forgiveness, and love?

What was that experienced like for you and for the person or people with whom you connected?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS June, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS June 17th – 23rd

Monday June 17th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday June 18th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday June 19th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @12pm BYO Lunch

The Short Stories of Jesus

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Thursday June 20th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study Radicle Methodism @ 7pm in the Pastor's Office

Friday June 21st

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday June 23rd

Sunday School Celebration! Worship @ 10am

Coffee Hour Request for Help



We are in need of these items:
Coffee cups, forks, cookies, packaged snacks.

Please remember to sign up for a Sunday to bring items for Fellowship

Also: ***Liz needs help to keep fellowship going smoothly.*** Please consider helping to put together a coffee hour and give Liz a little break. You do not have to make coffee, just bring some snacks or share our coffee hour with someone and have a few people bring goodies. Contact Liz for more info ertibs@optonline.net



Book Club

Last book club meeting will be on June 23rd, we are reading True Biz by Sara Novic and all are welcome to join. This will be our end of the year luncheon, please bring a dish to share.

Wanted: A committee of likeminded people to put together a beefsteak dinner with a silent auction and entertainment. Target date is **October 19th**.

If anyone knows of a hall that we could use without paying a fee or a very small fee, please let me know. One that would hold around 100-150 people, plus a band and a dance floor and room for the auction. Our beloved church needs many repairs and it is my hope that we can have a successful and fun event. Please email me at your earliest convenience to sign up to help. We will have one meeting after church to assign tasks (date TBD). Don't delay, ACT NOW!

Contact: janinecononico122@gmail.com

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