

Reach One More For Jesus!

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

PRELUDE "Wonderful Words of Life" by Philip P. Bliss Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Carleen Fiske
"Ask the Sower to cast you onto good, fertile soil, that you may bear the fruit of faith and love."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carleen Fiske

CALL TO WORSHIP Carleen Fiske

L: You are the Sower, O God, we are the seed.

P: God's word is being sown in our lives this day with the promise of new growth.

L: You are the Lover, O God, we are the beloved.

P: God's love blossoms in our lives with a beauty greater than the lilies of the field.

L: You are the Healer, O God, we are the healed.

P: God's healing flows through our lives with every beat of our heart.

L: You are the Potter, O God, we are the clay.

P: God's hand fashions us to shine with the glory of Christ's light.

L: Come! Let us worship the One Who sows us in fields of love.

P: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King" vs. 1 & 5 Hymnal Page #73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

OPENING PRAYER Carleen Fiske

Great Sower, cast us like seeds upon the winds of Your mercy, that we may grow in fertile ground. Keep our lives from stony pathways, where the heat of life's cares and strife strip our strength and vitality. Protect us from thorny gullies, where the snares of life's worries and fears block the sunshine of Your Spirit. Land us safely in rich soil, Master Gardener, and bless us with the kiss of gentle rain, that our faith may increase and our joy may be complete. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Carleen Fiske

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NRSV

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “SOW GOD’S WORD WITHOUT CEASING!”

Pastor Tom

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

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

Carleen Fiske

Master Gardener, as You have sown our lives in a rich and fertile soil, may we bear much fruit through our giving. With these offerings, may Your realm be brought to earth, as we plant seeds of hope in the fields of life. Bless our gifts and our ministry, that the world may reap a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Wonderful Words of Life” vs. 1 & 3

Hymnal Page #600

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” by H. Ernest Nichol

Thelma Downey