

July 16th, 2023
7th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Thy Word is a Lamp #601

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Hymn of Promise** #707

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

P: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

P: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

P: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

L: Welcome to this day – a time to scatter broadly!

P: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of abundant love, we come to you this day amid a season of great growth and coming harvest. All around us are signs of growth, on our earth, in our families, in our world. We come to this day, seeking your healing love and abounding mercy. Open our hearts to receive all that you offer that we may become fruitful workers for you, as we pray through Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

***HYMN: My Life Is in You, Lord**

#2032

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: Let There Be Peace on Earth**

#431

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
