

July 30th, 2023
9th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: On Eagle's Wings #143

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Gather Us In** #2236

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

P: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

L: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

P: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

L: God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

P: Holy One, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, you place before us the images of the small—the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure—and remind us that we, though we think of ourselves as small, are not insignificant in your kindom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in thankful remembrance of the ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives, in the way of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

***HYMN: We All Are One In Mission** #2243

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: Father, We Thank You** #563

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

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