



**July 19, 2020  
Worship Packet**



**PRELUDE**

**Teach Me, O Lord- T. Attwood,**

<https://youtu.be/lAmWl8xWmZQ>

**Urlicht from Resurrection Symphony- G.Mahler,**

<https://youtu.be/5FKAW3MbjmY>

**God so Loved the World- J. Stainer,**

<https://youtu.be/dLvthjDEUnQ>

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

**Many: Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.**

**One:** May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.

**Many: May they take root in our hearts and lives and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.**

**All: We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher, and our Lord. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

<https://youtu.be/ygkkX9FxHg0>

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, we come before you humbly seeking your mercy and your grace. God, you have planted seeds of harvest in our spirits and showered us with love. Lord, you gave us your word to follow in all seasons, and yet at times, we were unwilling to grow. Gracious God, we thank you for giving us the honor to grow in Christ, even in the most challenging environments and seasons of our lives. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. God loves a humble and contrite heart. Hear the Good News and know it is true for you, because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Amen.**

## **AN ACT OF PRAISE**

**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.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Harvesting God, as we listen to your word, by your Holy Spirit,  
lead our hearts in the way everlasting. Amen**

PSALTER

PSALM 9:1-11

*Drude Crane*

One: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Many: When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you.**

One: For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment. You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

**Many: The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins; their cities you have rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.**

One: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.

**Many: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

**All: Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

**You will be in the right, O Lord, when I lay charges against you; but let me put my case to you. Why does the way of the guilty prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive? You plant them, and they take root; they grow and bring forth fruit; you are near in their mouths yet far from their hearts. But you, O Lord, know me; You see me and test me—my heart is with you. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter. How long will the land mourn, and the grass of every field wither? For the wickedness of those who live in it the animals and the birds are swept away, and because people said, “He is blind to our ways.**

**One:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE***Stephanie DeGeneste*

<https://youtu.be/9rC7JjF200c>

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

*Darcella Sessomes*

**He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed**

**them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!**

## **SERMON**

*Darcella Sessomes*

**SERMON HYMN**      Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

<https://youtu.be/veefs0hnkA8>

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      **Apostle's Creed**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

He Was Despised

<https://youtu.be/3o30OsaMBNc>

## **OFFERING**

*Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can even go to the church's website and click on 'Donate Now' to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)*

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

**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**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Darcella Sessomes*

**Praying for:** Barbara Smith (COVID); Thylene Torres, Thylene's mother (surgery); Bob Corbet (surgery)

**Homebound:** Sonnia Cook

**Bereavement:** The Germinder family on the passing of George Germinder, a brother in Christ.

## **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN** In Christ There is No East or West

<https://youtu.be/pVccvOzP9N4>

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**Go from this time of worship and sow seeds of love, grace, hope and peace to all you encounter, spreading the Good News with hearts aflame with love.**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord shine His holy face upon you and fill you with the blessings of the Holy Spirit.**

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in C Minor -J.S.Bach, <https://youtu.be/HHoJ8wpCoPM>

**Pastor Lynn will be on vacation until Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The church office is open, and Kennedy will be there 8am-12pm each day. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to her or to Joan Pivnichny, Clerk of Session (908)400-7474.**

## **Final Harvest**



From the beginning  
there has been one field  
but two sowers...  
one sower who sows in the light of day  
one sower who sows in the dark of night...  
one sower who sows in joy,  
one sower who sows in stealth...  
one sower who sows good seed

one sower who does not.

Together...  
side by side...  
these good and bad seeds  
planted in the very same rows grow...  
nourished by the very same soil  
the very same sun  
the very same rain  
but  
one crop will grow to provide nourishment for the soul...  
one crop will grow only to poison the soul.

When wheat and weed  
first emerge at the very same time...  
resembling one another in so many ways...  
the planters will be perplexed by the presence of weeds  
for they know  
only good seeds were planted by them  
and assume these intrusive weeds should be uprooted and removed...  
at once.

But no...  
to the astonishment of the seed planters...  
these intrusive weeds shall remain with the wheat,  
the Owner of the Field commands...  
the wheat and the weed  
they shall grow together...  
side by side...  
until the Season of My Harvest has come,  
the Season of My Final Harvest.  
It is then,  
and only then,  
that My Harvesters will come into My Field  
to separate what I, the Son of Man, has sown  
from what the son of the cunning evil one has sown.



On that day,  
the Day of My Final Harvest...  
My Kingdom will be ushered in,  
and those that belong to the evil one  
will be flung into fire and utter darkness,  
flung far, far from My Kingdom,  
My Kingdom which I prepared from the beginning of the world...  
where Righteousness and Glory  
shall reign forever  
and the children of my Kingdom  
will be safely gathered in...  
the rightful heirs of My Kingdom  
as it was meant to be.  
From. The. Beginning.

Matt.13:24-30, 36-43 Romans8:14-17

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