

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

PRELUDE

Under the Green Lime Tree I, II

Sweelinck (1562-1621)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of Every Garden sows the seeds of his Word generously!

People: Break through our hardened views.

Leader: The seeds fall on all textures of ground

People: Break through our gravelly hearts lest we have no root and wither to nothing.

Leader: The seeds seek the good soil.

People: Break through our thorny ways lest our agendas and fears choke the promise of your word.

Leader: Let anyone with ears listen!

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

1 Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain: Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. [Refrain]

3 Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abundance,

We confess that, at times, our hearts are hard, and that thorns of distraction often choke out your Word in our lives. Forgive our foolish ways. Open our hearts and minds to receive your abundance, through Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Good News! God's Spirit is working in our lives!

People: The seeds from the hand of the Great Sower fall on good soil and the gift of multiplied. In Christ we are forgiven!

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Greatorex (1816-1853)

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13: 1-9 (NRSV)

That 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!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Listen! A Sower went out to sow

Rev. Wray Sherman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' 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 *For the Fruits of this Creation* Jackson (b.1917)

For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God!
Kimberlea , Maximilian and Roger Daggy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology Hymn 606*

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayers of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN *In the Garden* Garden

1 I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Under the Green Lime Tree IV* Sweelinck

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Lodge at Old Trail: Mary Frost It was reported that Mary had a stroke

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds, (Cunninghams), Nancy Vilain, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Sara Verwymeren (Hashagens), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr. (Jen Jones), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Grayson Coleman, Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Marianna Callaway (Ruth Kelley)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon

July Calendar

Thursday, July 9

2-4 PM Food Bank

Tuesday, July 14

2:30 PM Session Zoom Meeting

Thursday, July 23

2-4 PM Food Bank

CAT Survey will be coming soon !!!!

