Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **529** *“How Firm a Foundation”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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10:30 a.m. ~ July 16, 2023 ~ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

Greeting

A sower’s seed fell on a path

**packed hard by foot and cart,**

and hungry sparrows ate their fill

**before a root could start.**

And some fell down where rocky ground

**no sustenance could give.**

Beneath the scorching noon-day sun

**no tender plant could live.**

And some seed fell among the weeds

**that wove a tangling snare**

to choke the green and budding plants

**that never fruit would bear.**

But some seed fell on fertile soil

**and flourished more and more**

until the joyous harvest time,

**when hundredfold it bore.**

Lord, give us ears to hear your Word

**and hearts where seed can grow.**

*(Herman G. Stuempfle, 20th century)*

Singing Our Faith **# 545** (verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

\*Opening Prayer

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Special Music Judy Lease, Estelle Holt, Wendy Dalton

*“From the First Hallelujah to the Last Amen”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes** **that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand** **and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 362** *“Nothing but the Blood”*

The Good News ***“How Does your Garden Grow?”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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