

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

Today's hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Trumpet Tune in D Major" -David N. Johnson

*Call to Worship

One: We have been called to cast seeds into the world
Many: We have been called to cast hope among the downtrodden.
One: We have been called to give food to the hungry.
Many: We have been called to sow joy in the fields of all people.
One: We have been called to sow God's word.
Many: For, Our God, as we worship provides seed for the sower.

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 28

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

In the casualness of a relaxed summer, amidst a bevy of fun distractions, we confess, O Lord, that we tend to overlook the disciplines of the life of faith. We do not pray as regularly as we ought, or absorb God's word as meaningfully, or dwell in God's house as often. During this season we are apt to get wrapped up in our own pleasures rather than to be concerned for the needs of those who can't pay their rent, or put gas in the sputtering cars, or have food for their table. Forgive us, O God, and empower us to sow the seeds of kindness all around even if it means making sacrifices. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

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, Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Let the Children Come

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Anthem

Saxophone: Tom Burgess, Organ: David Ratchford

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 55:10-13

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

Sermon **Sowing**

Call to Prayer (unison) "Breathe on Me Breath of God" No. 292
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Prayers of the People and 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves" (Insert)

*Commission and Blessing

*Closing Response "God Be With You" No. 809
God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.
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*Postlude "Tuba Tune in D Major" -C.S. Lang