

July 12 - outdoor worship

Gathering Song

"The River Is Here"

(96X)

Call to Worship

L: God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope upon us.

P: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.

L: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

P: Let us sing songs of joy to God.

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Praise Songs

"This Is The Day/He Has Made Me Glad"

210/18(Red)

"We Bow Down"

97(Red)

"Glorify Thy Name"

123(Red)

Prayer

Lord, our spirits are on a summer time schedule. We change things around in our lives to accommodate new activities, times of rest, times of visiting with families and friends, times of travel and leisure. Help us remember that in all these things you are with us. Hear our cries of frustration when the plans that we have so carefully crafted do not work out. Be with us in all of our journeys, guiding our lives and our steps. Again, lavishly pour your love and mercy on us. Prepare us to serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

Special Music

"Nobody Filly My Heart Like Jesus"

171(B)

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Matthew 13:18-23

18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Message

" A Parable For Today"

Pastor Victor Harner

Sending Forth Song

"Jesus Is The Rock"

Benediction

God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in your heart. Go into God's world with joy, telling of the good news of God's abundant, lavish love for all creation. Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. **AMEN.**



Thanks for worshipping with us today! If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Pastor Vic Harner or Denise Boyd.

REMINDERS:

- Please remain in your cars for service. If you DO wish to sit outside, you may do so outside of your vehicle, in front of the first row of cars, or by the playground. **ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.**
- Offering will be collected by the office-side door as you leave the lot.
- Donations for the food pantry will be collected by the office-side door as you leave the lot.