

What will be gained from seeds?

**Inside each one of us is a special person,
waiting to be nurtured to wholeness.
Each seed is unique; each has its own gifts
to offer.**

In God's garden, God's love extends to both –
asking both to consider what each has to offer to
a hurting world.

**Lord, help us to be good seeds, bearing
fruits of kindness, justice and compassion.
Keep us mindful of those for whom life has
been difficult and yet they persist in trying
to make each day better. Be in our hearts,
O Lord, and in our lives.**

*Gathering Prayer

*Worship with Song

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come UMH, 694

*Passing of the Peace

Worship with Song ***Help Us Accept Each Other***
UMH, 560, vs. 1, 3

To Breath God In

Reading of Scripture Matthew 13.24-30, NIV84

Hymn of Preparation ***Bringing in the Sheaves***

*Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Chorus:

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

*Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Chorus

*Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*

Chorus

Reading of Scripture Matthew 13.36-43, NIV84

Words from the past made new for us today.

Thanks be to God!

Message **Leave It**, Rev. Roy Martens

Worship with Music and Reflection

Prayer Quilt for Jim MacGregor

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory

Doxology

*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.*

Worship with Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love
him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek
to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let
us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with
our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Hymn of Blessing:

What Does the Lord Require of You

UMH, 441, vs. 1, 3, & 4

Benediction

Go Now in Peace, by Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace

May the Love of God surround you

Everywhere, Everywhere

you may go

Thank You for Serving

Pastor: Rev. Roy Martens &
Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

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Our Values: Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All



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Sixth Sunday after Easter

Parables - The Wheat & the Tares

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Weeds and seeds, growing together.

Each will influence the other.

What will we learn from the weeds?

Trials and tribulations, choices that have not always worked out. Weeds can teach us about perseverance — consider the tough dandelion plant pushing its way up through the pavement — for some it's just a weed, but for others there are lessons to be learned.

* Please stand