

WORSHIP

July 3, 2016

8:00 AM

Border Chapel

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING WORDS

Sing praises to our Lord:

Who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

Whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-33, 44-53

He put before them a parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

REFLECTION

Hold fast to
dreams,
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-
winged bird,
That cannot fly.

~Langston
Hughes



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**Sabbath
Beginnings**
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In Our Prayers This Week

Births

Kira Lee DeVries, daughter of
Cullen & Kim DeVries,
granddaughter of Nancy & Jerry
Gale, great granddaughter of
Ginny

Deaths

Eileen Nelmark

Upcoming Surgery

Mike Chatt

Recovering at Home

William Almquist
Chuck Roach
Wilma Smith
Jane Stegner
Eva Wall

Hospice

Roy Almen
Marie Cross
Charlie Grimes
Gary Hargroves

Care Centers

Rita Lyell
Jim Mattison
Kay Moberg

Prayer Requests

Children's Ministries at Hennepin
in its transition
Anne, Lucille Tellet's daughter

Sunday Worship

Sabbath Beginnings 8:00 AM
Communion

Sacred Journey 8:30 AM
Creation Spirituality

Traditional Worship 10:00 AM
Organ, Choir

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, You are sovereign of all. You created the world without national borders. You created us as one people on one planet. But we have divided and fractured, scattered and marginalized. Draw us together by the one spirit. Draw us together in your one love. Draw us together, so that we might understand that your love knows no bounds. For we are all part of your beloved community; we all belong to you in the name of the creator, redeemer, and sustainer, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Note persons listed on this page.

God, in your mercy... / Thanks be to God...
hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN NO. 484

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Lord, may we know your compassion.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

...we praise your name and join in 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION