Seeds and Mirrors...

June 13th, 2021

**Chimes**

**Greeting**

L: The Holy One, defender of the poor and needy,

calls us to gather now.

**P: We come, thankful to be a part**

**of this family of faith.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

-   Small Group Meeting

- Bixby Towers

- Room Preparation Volunteers

- Special Presentation

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

**P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

**P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn** This is the day! UMH #657

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.**

**Children’s Moments** Seeds and Mirrors… Part 1

**Special Music**

**Scripture Mark 4:26-34**

26 He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

         **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Seeds and Mirrors...Part 2

**\*Response** This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH #383

**Prayer Time**

-   *Sharing Joys and Concerns*

*- Prayer Song Give Thanks TFWS #2036*

-   *Pastoral Prayer*

-   *Lord’s Prayer:* ***Our Father, which 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering**

-   *Offertory Sentence: These summer days, the earth produces of itself, first the stalk and then the full grain. We celebrate the abundance of our loving God, and offer up a part of that abundance now.*

-   *Offertory*

-   *Doxology* ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God all creatures here below;***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit; Alleluia! Alleluia!***

-   *Offertory Prayer: Holy God, magnificent, sustaining farmer of the future, receive these gifts, we pray. Through our offering, help us know in some surprising way that you are bringing into being something wonderful and new. Amen.*

**\*Closing Hymn** Sois La Semilla (English) UMH #583

**\*Benediction**