

SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
We are Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent...loving all.

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3rd Sunday of Pentecost
June 13th, 2021

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Watchword for the week: *"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O most high."* - **Psalm 92:1**

WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PASSING THE RIGHT WAVE OF FELLOWSHIP

*WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

OPENING HYMN "COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME" MBW#450
(HYMN SUNG BY CANTORS)

*LITURGY "PENTECOST" MBW#98-99

SCRIPTURE LESSON
PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15
MARK 4: 26-34

PRAYER

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" MBW# 817
*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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY SPIRIT,
MAY WE BE ROOTED BY OUR OWN MUSTARD SEEDS OF FAITH TO PLANT SEEDS OF COMPASSIONATE GIVING EVERYWHERE WE GO. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MESSAGE "A Mustard Seed of Faith"

HYMN "WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT" MBW#713

BENEDICTION

*CHIME

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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Prayers of the People

Church and World: For all families and churches of Tuscarawas County; for the ministries of our Eastern District and Northern Province; for the shared work of the worldwide Moravian Unity; for all who risk their lives for the gospel; for refugees and victims of natural disasters and violence around the world and for those who work to provide shelter, healing, and peace.

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THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



The reign of God will not be stopped.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus
Monday	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Living by faith
Wednesday	Psalms 107:4-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Thursday	Acts 5:27-42	The apostles are persecuted
Friday	Zachariah 8:1-17	God's promises to Zion
Saturday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	A song for the sabbath day
Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 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." **Mark 4:31-32 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, in Christ Jesus we thank you that by day and by night your reign of steadfast love and faithfulness will not be stopped. (Psalm 92:1-2)

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, for the seed that becomes the plant that supplies the food that shows your love, we give you thanks. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God bless you now and always. (Psalm 92:2)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

As Rain from the Clouds



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Describe your experience with gardening and planting seeds.
- Think or talk about a time you have seen an act of kindness make a big difference in someone's life.
- Jesus describes the reign of God through images of tiny seeds and growth. In what way is this a message about God's kingdom?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:26-34.

With Jesus' depiction of the kingdom of God, one would expect comparisons to something like spectacular cedar trees of Lebanon (Ezekiel 17:22 and Psalm 92:12) or some other vision of grandeur. Jesus chooses something more akin to a weed, a mustard bush that is prolific in Judea. It's an example that likely made his hearers chuckle, not gasp with indescribable awe; it's another example of getting people to see differently. Just as relentless as mustard bushes or weeds are, God's reign will not be deterred. It is like the seed planted that grows and grows without human intervention. As the Gospel of Mark gets underway, the message is that the kingdom is coming. The kingdom is viewed through surprising, even humorous comparisons. It will not be stopped, not by evil, not by scribes, not by disciples who fail again and again. Evil will be overcome, voices of the kingdom will be heard, and imperfect followers will keep pointing to Christ's victory over sin and death. How do you help others see the kingdom of God more clearly?

Pray: **Almighty God, help us to see and believe with the eyes of faith that your reign will win the day through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

The smallest of seeds planted can become the largest of plants. Likewise, the smallest acts of kindness can grow to make a very large difference in someone's life. Think of someone who is not so visible or lonely and reach out to them. In what way does reaching out to them grow the kingdom of God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Use a leafless branch and cut out leaf shapes. During devotion time this week, think or talk about ways you have seen and felt God at work in the world. Write down those ways on leaves and add them to the branch. Praise and thank God each time you add leaves by praying: **Dear God, we thank you for caring for us. May your presence in our lives help us to continue to grow and care for others, even in ways we may not see or understand. Amen.**



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