



**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Father's Day
June 17, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)

PRAYER FOR GATHERING

Dr. Patrick B. Reyes

"A prayer for those on this Father's day"

*OPENING HYMNS

"Cry of My Heart"

#2165 FWS

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

~ Rev. John Buchanan

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 4:1-20

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

#141 UMH

CHILDREN'S TIME

Surprised

SERMON

Sowing Seeds

TIME OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

#454 UMH

INVITATION

Nothing stands between you and this gift of God's grace. You are invited to join Christ at this table, to grow in this garden. Come, accept the gift of grace, the gift of forgiveness, the gift of acceptance.

CONFESSION

This morning, you are invited to confess your sins in a moment of silent reflection. Where and when have you separated yourself from the love of Christ? How have you sown seeds of division? How have you scorched and withered growing plants? When have you choked out the new tender plants? In what ways have you maintained the systems that scorch and choke growing plants?

ASSURANCE

~Ministry Matters

God's seeds of love have already been sown in our midst.
Come and see the love of God outpoured for us.

We are God's beloved ones. Let us live in the light of God. AMEN.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Worship Wall

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Everyone is welcome at the communion table in the United Methodist Church, whether you are a member of this church or any church. Juice is used in the cup. Please follow the directions for communion as given by the worship leader. †

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

"Word of God, Speak"

#3184 W&S

*BENEDICTION

~Ministry Matters

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. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE