



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday June 24, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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THE SUMMONS

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

~Ministry Matters

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 up through the pavement – for some it's just a weed, but for others there are lessons to be learned.

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. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMNS

"O Lord, You're Beautiful"

#2064 FWS

"Change My Heart, O God"

#2152 FWS

THE SERVICE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

~Ministry Matters

God of surprises, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts. Open our hearts to receive your surprising message of hope for all people, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 96

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (vs 1)

#2158 FWS

CHILDREN'S TIME

It's a Surprise

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"You Are the Seed"

#583 UMH

JOYS, CONCERNS, GOD MOMENTS

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

INTO THE SERVING

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Be with You Til We Meet Again"

#672 UMH

*BENEDICTION

Get ready to go into God's world.

Bring messages of hope to all.

As we have been blessed,

may we bring blessings to all in the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE