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out to sow. . .’

*Matthew 13:1-9,
18-23*

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 12, 2020

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Prelude

Invocation L: We begin in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Who Am I"

Praise Team

Kyrie

L: **God of Peace.** We pray for the peace that comes from you: your peace for our broken world, your peace that brings well-being to your church, your peace that brings unity of all. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

(ELW #714)

*1. O God of mercy, God of light,
In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight,
To live our lives in you.*

L: **God of Grace.** We pray for our salvation. We pray for all our sisters and brothers who have gathered here today in order to worship. Pour out your grace and make us whole again. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*2. You sent your Son to die for all
That our lost world might hear your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.*

L: **God of Forgiveness.** Create in us clean hearts. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*3. And may your Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love,
Till you receive in heav'n above
All those who live in you.*

Hymn of Praise:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Verse 1)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Audrey Bjerum

Special Music:

"Praise the Lord"

By George Frideric Handel

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: Word of God, Word of Light *C: Thanks Be to God!*

Second Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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Message

Pastor Jon Pedersen

Prayers of the People

Lords Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Take My Life"

ELW 685

Sending

L: You have been called. You have been gathered (digitally). You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

***Zoom Coffee Hour
Right After the 10:30am Watch Party on Sunday
Please join us!***

