

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

July 12, 2020

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We are like seeds on the wind, set free by the Sower.

All: The hand of God saves us from the rocky pathways and the thorny ground.

One: In Christ, we find good soil.

All: The Holy Spirit nourishes us as we grow.

One: Come! Let us worship the Sower, who plants us in the fields of life.
And together let us pray.

All: Great Sower, cast us like seeds upon the winds of your mercy, that we may grow in fertile ground. Keep our lives from stony pathways, where the heat of life's cares and strife strip our strength and vitality. Protect us from thorny gullies, where the snares of the life's worries and fears block the sunshine of your Spirit. Land us safely in rich soil, Master Gardener, and bless us with the kiss of gentle rain, that our faith may increase and our joy may be complete. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (verses 1, 2 & 4) UMH #110

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Virginia Lorenzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We have heard your word spoken. Now, may that word grow in our hearts and our lives, that we may work together to build a world where all may share God's abundant life. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 8:1-11

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Spirit of Life" Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caretaker of our souls, we yearn to resist the allures of status and prestige, for we often pierce ourselves with wounds of our own making. We long to bloom where we are planted, that righteousness and peace might flower in our lives. Free us of the fear of appearing foolish before others, as we seek new growth in your Spirit. Nurture us with your grace and mercy, that we might blossom and bloom as followers of Christ. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Those who abide in the Spirit are set free. Those who reside in Christ find no condemnation. Rejoice that we have been planted in the fertile ground of God's love and mercy.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Loving God, you have made us your people, so that we may speak of your wonderful acts. With gratitude for all we have received, we have come to offer our gifts to you.

WEEKLY OFFERING

