

Order of Worship  
Sunday, July 11, 2021

**Weeds and Wheat**

*(\*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)*

\*Opening Video

Prelude	Dr. Olga Aynvarg
Welcome	Sue Huntley
Call to Worship	Nadine Wiles

L: This is the hour to be humbled before God

This is the time to offer our best to our Creator

C: We gather before God, who knows all our thoughts

We open our hearts to the One who sees all our deeds

L: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

We come together proclaiming, "God is with us!"

C: We come to be strengthened in our faith,

We come seeking God's comfort and the empowerment  
of the Holy Spirit

L: God's presence evokes our joyous worship

Let us celebrate God's love and our time together this day

C: We gather to offer God our praise

Let us worship God with joy and adoration

Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, you are our refuge. Your love is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware of your activity within our lives. Through the power and presence of your Holy Spirit, help us to avoid the foolishness of the world by revealing to us the wisdom of your righteousness. Speak to us your word for us today, that we may accomplish what your will may inspire. Amen.

Opening Song (Video) "Bring Forth the Kingdom of God" - Gretchen Barron

Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-40

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24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

*May God's Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we sing and hear, and the message shared this day.*

Sermon "Weeds and Wheat" Pastor D. Scott Allen

Song (Video) "We Are Called" - Michelle Sherliza

Words and Music by David Haas

### **\*Prayers for Our World and One Another**

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers

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based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord's Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

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Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

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Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

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Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

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Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

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Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

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Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

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Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

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Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

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Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

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These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

Our Father 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

Prayer Response (Video)      "I Love You, Lord" - Ghing Heria  
Words and Music by Laurie Klein

**We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service**

Prayer of Gratitude      Nadine Wiles

Song of Dedication (Video)      "Give Thanks" - Maranatha! Music  
Words and Music by Henry Smith

Music for Reflection      Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Closing Song -      "You Shall Go Out With Joy" - vbtyree  
Words - Steffi G Ruben/Music - Stuart Dauermann

Sending Forth      Nadine Wiles

\*Closing Video