

**On Line****Opening Hymn – What Does The Lord Require of You**

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:**

**‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’**

Our service today looks at some of the parables as described by Matthew, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

*Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:*

**Let us Pray** - Holy is your name, O LORD. Grant us now the help of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive your word with joy and thanksgiving, praise you for your goodness, and give ourselves to you in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**2nd Hymn – Let There Be Love Shared Among Us**

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

**Father God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy.**

**Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace.**

**Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. Amen.**

The Lord who created you says: You are my witnesses, and you are my servant. So do not be afraid, for I have heard you. I have called you by name; you are mine. **Amen.**

**Let us pray**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are ready save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Romans 8:22-39 (NRSV)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Psalm 105:1-11 (NRSV)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn** – For The Beauty of The Earth

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading** – Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 (NIV)

**SERMON:** Seed, Yeast, and Treasures Old and New

**4<sup>th</sup> Hymn – Rejoice, The Lord is King****Let us pray**

Heavenly Father, what a gracious and wise God You are to permit us to choose life or death, heaven or hell, forgiveness or condemnation, as a matter of free-will. Thank You for the light of the gospel of grace and for opening my eyes to the truth. Have mercy on those who of their own volition, choose the path to death, destruction, and condemnation. Continue to open my eyes to the truth and help me to choose the good and eschew the evil. and reveal to rebellious people of this world, the horrific consequences of rejecting the gospel of Christ. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer****5<sup>th</sup> Hymn – Seek Ye First The Kingdom****Presentation of offerings**

We pray thee, O God, to receive the offerings of your people and to bless them in the work you have set before us. May all that we say and do be said and done in the manner that Christ taught us and in the power of his Spirit. **Amen**

**Notices (if any)**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

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**All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.**

**This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.**

Go in peace, knowing that nothing can separate you from the love of God. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you, the love of God embrace you, and the presence of the Holy Spirit surprise and encourage you, both now and forevermore. **Amen**

**Departing Hymn— The Day of Resurrection**