

Worship Leader Edition
Children of the Kingdom

February 12, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+OPENING HYMN

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

ELW #681

Verse 1

We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord,
for all your love.

Verse 2

You only are the maker
of all things near and far;
You paint the wayside flower,

you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.
by you the birds are fed;

Refrain:

Verse 3

We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure--
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain:

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)

+KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *(cantor and congregation)*

“Glory to God”

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Angela Hansen)

Hebrews 3:12-14

Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}* (Rob)

Matthew 13:24-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 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?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 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.’” He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.” 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.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON *{Pulpit}*

Rob

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“As Rain from the Clouds”

ELW #508

Verses 1 & 2

Verse 1

As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
as snow from the heavens refreshing the land.

Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
we thank you, good gard’ner for your tender toil.

We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,
for harvest of grace in our once barren soil.

Verse 2

As grain that is scattered your word has been sown
on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.

Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
we thank you, good gard’ner, for your tender toil.

We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,
for harvest of grace in our once barren soil.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (Britt Halaas)

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (Britt Halaas)

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (Britt Halaas)

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C: 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 and ever. Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (Britt Halaas)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (Britt Halaas)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
St. Luke's Choir

Handt Hanson

SENDING

COUNCIL INSTALLATION

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (Rob)

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore. .

C: Amen.

Verse 1

Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.

Verse 2

God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them with his fullness,
all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

Verse 3

Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today

Given by:

Dave Johnson & Mary Miller

In celebration of our
35th wedding anniversary.