

Order of the Worship Service
Sunday, September 18, 2022, 10:00am
Beau Smith, preaching
Praise Sunday!

Opening Praise Song

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Like a mustard seed; 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.

All: The kingdom of God is Here, it's Arriving!

One: Like yeast taken and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

All: The kingdom of God is Here, it's Arriving!

One: Like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all they have
and buys the field.

All: The kingdom of God is Here, it's Arriving!

One: Like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions
and buys the pearl.

All: The kingdom of God is Here, it's Arriving! Let all who have ears, hear.

Song of Praise

Prayer of Confession

**God of Heaven and Earth, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have
too often forgotten that we belong to You. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there
was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to Your Kingdom.**

**For these things we ask Your forgiveness, and we also ask for Your strength. Give us
clear minds, open hearts, and the ability to discern what we can and cannot control so
that we may witness to Your Kingdom breaking into our world. Hold us close to You
and build our relationship with You, and with those You have put in our lives and on
our path. Amen.**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. The Lord will not
always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; The Lord does not treat us as our sins deserve or
repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's
love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our
transgressions from us. **Amen.**

Moment for Children

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Song for Preparation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

Creativity for Spirituality — "The Stories Jesus Told: Wheat & Weeds"
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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Blessing