





The Lord's Day, February 5, 2023

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Mark 4:30-34

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

# \*Call to Worship: Psalm 126:

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!
Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn: #363 We Gather Together

\*Hymn: #715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

\*Scripture Reading: Mark 4:26-29

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: O Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

# **Prayer of Confession**

## Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 51:7-12

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

\*Hymn: #699 Like a River Glorious

# **Pastoral Prayer**

# \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

### Anthem of Musical Worship

Sermon: Growing the Kingdom of God

Mark 4:30-34 Rev. Dr. Martin Hawley

## **Closing Prayer**

\*Closing Hymn: #345 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

(Live Stream Ends)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\*Benediction

# We Gather Together

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8



The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matt. 13:39



I will extend peace to her like a river. Is. 66:12



# Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3

