

**WORSHIP TEAM – This Week**

LITURGIST – Gary Asel

GREETER – Julie Beleck and Steve Kimball

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Rick Robertson and Nick Teeples

CHILDREN'S WORD – Terrilynn Hiben

COFFEE HOUR – Sharon Alderton

**WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week**

LITURGIST – VBS

GREETER – VBS

ACOLYTE – VBS

USHERS – VBS

CHILDREN'S WORD –

COFFEE HOUR – Marva Hartman

**CONTINUING PRAYERS**

Harper, Natalie, Baby George Savage, Dean, Mae Delaney, Krystal, John Nugent, Dixie's brother Sam, Lee O'Connor, Carol and Denny, Rod's brother Roger, Pastor Helen and family, Military and First Responders, Search, Rescue, and Recovery, Lee's friend Lori

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Please remember if you want to use any of the buildings (family center, church and/or church basement) for any function (whether church related or not) you need to check with Lee to ensure the building has not already been reserved.

# BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY WELCOME HOME!

**PART III:  
IMAGINING A NEW REALITY**

## SEEDS IN THE DIRT

**THE PATH OF THE DISCIPLE  
WORSHIP SERIES**

Lectionary: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11,  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



**July 16, 2023** – The Path of the Disciple

+ TFWS #2214 – *Lead Me, Guide Me*

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER –

VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Gary Asel*

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *Gary Asel (see insert)*

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE MINUTE – *Sharon Alderton*

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 – *Gary*

CHILDREN'S WORD – *Terrilynn Hiben*

PRAYER TIME –

JOYS and CONCERNS

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE – **Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

+ W&S #3033 – *God of Great and God of Small*

SERMON – Pastor: Helen Alford – *Seeds in the Dirt*

+ UMH #583 – *Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)*

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Bible study at Rose City Park, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We will follow the lectionary readings that I am preaching on, so we will go more in-depth into the scriptures. Please feel free to take notes on Sunday so that we can discuss on Wednesday morning.

\* VBS Starts Tomorrow! July 17 – 20, with a celebration service on Sunday July 23. There is a list of items needed, posted in the Family Center. Please check it out!

\* "Name The Newsletter" contest. We've had some very clever entries. The competition will be tough. Please text or call entries to Terrilynn or Linda Hall by July 20. The winning selection will win....a surprise!! Another reminder: Newsletter info needs to be to Linda Hall by July 20. We would like to have a small blurb from each team/ committee/ chairman. EVERYONE is welcome to submit.

\* Did you know we have a Care Team? It's a small group that works behind the scenes but they do such an important and meaningful outreach. We haven't met in a long time. I'd like for us to come together to reassess our church and community needs and to see where we are with this ministry program. There will be a Care Team get together (the word 'meeting' is so overused!) on Tuesday, July 18 at 10am in the Family Center, which will be set up for VBS so we'll use a side room. If anyone is interested in learning more about this very important behind the scenes ministry please come. Thank You. Terrilynn