

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service – June 13, 2021**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time  
Year B

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

God, you are the one who brings life, and causes growth. Bring us life, Lord, and cause us to grow – to grow in faith, in hope, and in love. May even our worship be a seed sown in the soil of your kingdom, flourishing into branches of protection and shelter. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.**  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**Hymn**

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
Sing the Faith, #2009

**Confession\***

1 Samuel 16:7

*“For the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”*

**Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds that have been planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes –**

**Fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry or reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer shade and rest.**

**Help us grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach the fullest height of faith.**

*(personal confession)*

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**Assurance and Peace**

2 Corinthians 5:17

*“So if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture**Mark 4:26-34**Sermon***Seeds of the Kingdom***Hymn***God of the Fertile Fields*

Glory to God, #714

**Offering and Doxology**

Mark 4:26-27

*“The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.”*

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and they can be sown in the soil of God’s kingdom.

**Prayer of Dedication\***

Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. May they find fertile soil, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth.

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**Announcements****Recognition of Graduates****Prayers of the People\***

Lord our God, who created all things and promise us life in your eternal kingdom – even here, and even now – hear our prayers of intercession, spoken and unspoken. We pray for peace...Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ, to break down the walls of hostility that divide us. Send peace to the places where greed, pride, and anger turn nation against nation, race against race, church against church.

We pray for the leaders of the church and the nations...Mighty God, sovereign over all, give the leaders of your church- leaders by name and leaders by word and deed – and the leaders of nations the vision of your kingdom, that they may lead us with justice and goodwill.

We pray for the earth and all of your good creation...God of creation, you made all things in your wisdom and love. Grant us all a reverence for the earth, that we may steward its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

We pray for those who are in pain in body and mind...Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick. Stand with those who sorrow. Show them hope by your Word; bring healing as a sign of your grace.

We pray for friends and family...for Barbara, for Judy, for Chuck, for Krystle's sister Amanda and her daughter Quinn, for Maria, and for Anne...we pray for the family and friends of Florence Sparrow, mourning her death.

And for all whose names rest on our minds and in our hearts...and for those whose names we do not know, and the prayers we do not even know we need to pray, as your Spirit intercedes for us...

God of love, bless us and those we love, our friends and families, so that by drawing close to you we may be drawn closer to each other. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose for us, who makes all things new, and whose kingdom is like seed scattered on the ground, growing even as we wake and sleep, and that is like the tiniest of seeds that grows and flourishes, that it may in turn provide flourishing...and who taught us to enter in to this mystery, as we pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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## **Hymn**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  
The Presbyterian Hymnal, # 446*

## **Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude**