

**United Church** 

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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## **Approach**

Gathering Song - "Good Soil"

(insert in announcement sheet)

Call to Worship

One: Like the welcome of a loving father or mother,

All: may we hear the gentle voice of God this morning.

One: Like the welcome of a loving brother or sister,

All: may we feel the warm embrace of Jesus Christ

this morning.

One: Like the welcome of a very best friend

All: may we know the unconditional acceptance of the Holy Spirit this morning

One: After all, God welcomes everyone and we welcome

each other in God's name.

\* Hymn VU #296 – "This is God's Wondrous World"
Prayer of Approach and Confession

Gracious and caring God, we worship you with praise and thanksgiving. We are thankful for blessings without number you pour out upon us. We are thankful for your presence among us, revealed in many ways. The care and concern of other people, the ever-changing seasons, and the holiness of this sanctuary, all point to you, O God. Yet we acknowledge that there are times we ignore the needs of your people. Instead of reaching out with love and concern, sometimes we withdraw. Rather than bringing comfort, we ignore the deep needs. Forgive us, and help us to share your love. Help us to know that any act of kindness, however small can accomplish great things by your power. In the name of Christ we pray, whose mercy and forgiveness are wider and deeper than we could ever imagine. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

\* Hymn MV #174 – "Soil of God, You and I"

## The Word

Scripture Readings – Mark 4: 26-34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – "Seedy Beginnings"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "This Little Light of Mine"

## The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response (MV #191)
What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Pastoral Prayer

- Hymn VU #227 "For the Fruit of all Creation"
- Benediction / Response
  Send us out in the power of your Spirit, Lord,
  May our lives bring Jesus to the world.
  May each thought and word bring glory to your name.
  Send us out in your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Pat Dumont, Liturgist

Greeters: Sylvia & Bob Mann Ushers: Pat Lumsden and Arline Young