

September 8, 2019

Rally Sunday

9 a.m. First Service

Parables: The Art of Listening

With thanks for our musicians:

Laura Caviani, *piano*; Graydon Peterson, *bass*; Dave Schmalenberger, *drums*

GATHERING MUSIC

JESUS LOVES ME

composed by William Batchelder Bradbury, arr. Laura Caviani

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

SING A NEW SONG

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We hear stories that teach, we listen for understanding;

***All:* We bring heart, soul, mind and body;**

One: We share blessings and fears;

***All:* We hold both faith and doubt.**

One: Trusting that all this is of God, let us worship.

OPENING SONG

SING A NEW SONG

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PEACE CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE

DEEP WITHIN OUR HEARTS

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PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE

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TEXT

LUKE 8:4-15

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.' "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

SERMON	HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?	Paula Northwood
SILENCE		
SPECIAL MUSIC	RIVER IN JUDEA Chapel Singers Mary Laymon, <i>director</i>	Marcus/Feldman
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	The leader will end each petition saying, "Loving God." The congregation will respond, "We open our hearts to you." The Lord's Prayer (The Prayer Jesus Taught) Tender loving God, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.	
OFFERING	ONE LOVE	by Bob Marley
BLESSING		
CLOSING SONG	SOIS LA SEMILLA (YOU ARE THE SEED) <i>pages 6-7</i>	
SENDING MUSIC	BABY SHARK DANCE	made famous by PinkFong

