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Gathering Time

Welcome & Announcements

<u>Call to Worship</u> (from Psalm 19:1-4 adapted)

- L: Your glory is written in the sky, God;
- C: Your artistry is carved on the face of the earth.
- L: From one day to another, the message passes on,
- C: And each night gives knowledge to the next.
- L: Not a word is spoken,
- C: Not a sound do they make;
- L: Yet their silence reverberates around the earth
- C: And their unspoken message echoes from pole to pole.
- L: The stars and angels and all creation worship God.
- C: Let us join the chorus.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of all creation, you have given us this day of beauty, full of your handiwork. Open our eyes wide to see your Spirit's artistry in all that happens. Open our hearts to the surprising ways of your creative goodness. Then grant us grace to reflect your glory, through the transforming power of Christ, your Word, who beckons us into life abundant. Amen.

Music This Is the Day

- 1 This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
- 2 You are our God, you are our God we will praise your name, we will praise your name. We will give thanks, we will give thanks for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness. You are our God we will praise your name. We will give thanks for your faithfulness. You are our God, you are our God we will praise your name.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19:5-10 (adapted from The Message)

L: God makes a huge dome for the sun – a superdome! The morning sun is like a new husband leaping from his honeymoon bed; the day breaking sun like an athlete racing to the tape. That's how God's Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset, melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith.

WOMEN: The revelation of God is whole.

MEN: It pulls our lives together.

WOMEN: The signposts of God are clear. MEN: They point out the right road.

WOMEN: The life-maps of God are right,

MEN: showing the way to joy.

WOMEN: The directions of God are plain,

MEN: They give understanding to the mind.

WOMEN: Reverence for the Lord is good; enduring forever.

MEN: The judgements of the Lord are just; they are always fair
WOMEN: They are more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;
MEN: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Reading: Mark 4: 1-20

Again [Jesus] began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. ² He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching, he said to them: ³ 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' ⁹ And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

¹⁰ When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; ¹² in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."

¹³ And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²⁰ And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

Message Pastor Julie Rogness

Music: Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with day.

When my heart is lost, lead my on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

<u>Sharing the Peace – Offering of Gifts – Offering Prayer</u>

- P: God of abundance:
- C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
 As we feast on your goodness,
 strengthen us to labor in your field,
 and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
 in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Litany of Confession – Lord's Prayer

- L: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."
- C: You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving parent who continues to bless your world.
- L: Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."
- C: Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.
- L: We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."
- C: We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.
- L: We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."
- C: We confess that we often put our own interests first—exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.
- L: We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."
- C: We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.
- L: We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."
- C: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.
- L: We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."
- C: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

- L: We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."
- C: Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.
- L: We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."
- C: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.
- L: We pray, "Amen."
- C: We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so." We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace.

 Amen!

Words of Institution - Invitation to Communion - Distribution

Music Beautiful Savior - vss. 1-3

- Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Communion Blessing

Benediction & Dismissal

- L: Let us never grow weary of doing what is right!
- C: We will go to seek justice for all of God's children.
- L: Let us not grow weary of leading others to the kingdom!
- C: We will go to follow Jesus' example of gathering all into grace.
- L: Let us not grow weary of speaking of hope and peace.
- C: We will go to sow the Spirit's seed of life and hope.
- L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be God.

Sending Music: Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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CALENDAR

Sun/June 26	9 AM	Worship - In Person & Live-Streamed
	7 PM	AA
Tue/June 28	6:30 РМ	Kenyon Senior Living Board - Joy Room
Wed/June 29	6:00 PM	WED OUTDOOR WORSHIP w/Communion - bring your own chair
Thu/June 30	7 PM	AA
Sun/July 3	9 AM	Sun Worship – In Person & Live-Streamed
	7 PM	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen and Marta Deal, our missionaries to Central America, will be visiting us on August 21 for church service and afterwards in the fellowship hall. This is Rose fest weekend. They will be arriving Saturday afternoon August 20 and we need a place for them to stay on Saturday night. If you can help out, please contact Jim Fountaine 507 330 1333 - thanks.

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP God the Gardener