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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

“Scattered Seeds”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Dickason, BCC
United in Christ’s love, a just world for all!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Singing Prelude

Surely the Presence

Wolfe

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel the mighty power and the grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God's Presence

Meditation/Bringing in the Light of Christ

You Are the Seed

Gabarain

Responsive Call to Worship

Ginnie Behan

One day Jesus sat beside the sea, and the crowds gathered to listen.
He spoke of seeds scattered with generous hands—
not because every piece of ground was ready,
But because God's love refuses to give up.

Some hearts are weary.

Some hearts are wounded.

Some are learning, little by little, to forgive.

Some are discovering that forgiveness is itself good soil.

Come, all who long to grow. Come, all who have stumbled and begun again.

**For God's grace is scattered freely among us,
and Christ is still making all things new.**

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986

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***Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Generous God,

You scatter grace more freely than we deserve and love more faithfully than we can imagine. Still, we confess that our hearts are not always ready to receive your gifts.

Sometimes hurt hardens us. Sometimes disappointment leaves us shallow.

Sometimes resentment grows quietly until it crowds out compassion.

**Rather than practicing forgiveness, we rehearse old wounds,
hold tightly to offenses, and protect ourselves from one another.**

So loosen the soil of our hearts.

**Give us courage to forgive as we have been forgiven,
not because forgiveness is easy,
but because your mercy continues to make new life possible.**

**Plant your Word deeply within us,
that patience, kindness, reconciliation, and hope may bear fruit through us.**

In Christ we pray. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

God never waits for perfect soil before sowing grace.

Again and again, God plants mercy within us,
trusting that love can soften even the hardest places.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to begin again.

Thanks be to God. Amen

***Response**

Bless This Seed vs. 1,2

Bible

**Bless this seed as we sow. O, God, only You can make it grow.
Bless this seed, sown in faith. God, complete Your work as we obey.**

We Encounter God in the Word

Contemplative Reading

Accidental Saints

Nadia Bolz-Weber

God is still speaking. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

Stuempfle/Horman

Sara Stafford, Soloist

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9

The Voice

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Scattered Seeds”

Pastor Barb

We Respond to God's Grace

Congregational Prayers

Silent Prayers

Prayers of the People and Our Lord's Prayer

**Please use what is the most real expression for you.*

**Our Father [Creator]* who is in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever.
Amen.**

Musical Response to Lord's Prayer

Bless This Seed v. 3

The Bible

Grow this seed day by day. Bless its fruit in human lives, we pray.

We Share God's Love

Invitation to Generosity

(Offering plates are found by each doorway for your use.)

***Song of Gratitude**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Generous God,
Bless these gifts and those who offer them. Scatter them wherever hope is needed,
where forgiveness is waiting to be practiced, and where lives are ready to be
renewed. May the seeds we plant together bear fruit for your kingdom,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Go to Carry the Light

***Hymn**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (insert)

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Sending Blessing**

Bless This Seed v. 4

The Bible

You create. You command. Bless this seed. We leave it in Your hand.

Postlude

Shout to the Lord

Zschech

**Please remain seated in silence for the Postlude
as the Light of Christ is carried into the world.
The worship has ended; our service begins.**

Supporting Our Service Today

Acolyte: Bella Clapham **Song Leader:** Sara Stafford **Liturgist:** Ginnie Behan

Welcome Table: Barbara Talmage **Greeters:** Barbara & George Allaire

Head Usher: Gary Leidheiser

Usher Team: George Calderone, Terry Calderone, Sharon Leidheiser

Technology Team

(Live Streaming, Camera, and Sound Technicians)

Gary Woodrum, Debra Mosely, Maria Groody, David Jack, Linda Newton, Wally Davis, Patty Fjetland, Scott Mellen, Gary and Sharon Leidheiser

The **Lord's Table** was decorated by Victoria Augustine

The **Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Victoria Protze

“In Loving Memory of my son John Ciano”

The **Church Sign** was changed by Faye Newton and Lisa Sclafani

Sunday Librarian: Marcia Murphy

Fellowship Hosts: Wendy Seeley

U P C O M I N G C A L E N D A R

MONDAY JULY 13

12:00 PM SPIRITFED
(ZOOM BIBLE STUDY)
MEETING ID:83576594637
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TUESDAY JULY 14

9:00 AM STAFF MEETING
2:00 PM CARE TASK TEAM MEETING

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

9:00 AM-12:00PM LIBRARY OPEN
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY - CR
11:00 AM RCSSC - NAAR HALL

THURSDAY JULY 16

1:00 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING - CR
2:00 PM HR MEETING - P
4:00PM BABY BASICS - NAAR HALL

FRIDAY JULY 17

8:30 AM MEN'S WEEKLY COFFEE-PANERA

SATURDAY JULY 18

10:30 AM VADC - NAAR HALL

SUNDAY JULY 19

9:00 AM LIBRARY HOUR
10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN SITU AND VIRTUAL)
AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP TIME -
NAAR HALL
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM LIBRARY OPEN



United in Spirit and by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all. We are a Christian Fellowship of faith, building a community that supports each other to help feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and welcome strangers, while living a life that leads to deeper experiences walking humbly with God.

We believe all are welcome and united by God's love. Our daily worship is anchored by the belief that God is still speaking. The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 5,000 churches and nearly one million members across the U.S., the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. Our denomination believes in putting our faith into action as we follow Jesus' example to love one another.

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

peo - ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser-vice is
 tasks of our ev - ery-day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

end-ed, O now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in
 shar-ing, in love ev - er car-ing, em - brac-ing God's chil-dren of

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

cep - tive hearts reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

