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July 19, 2020

## 7th Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering in God's Name

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude "Trio II - Adagio" Jason Nelson

Announcements and Call to Worship

We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is our God. Let's worship together!

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Hymn "Holy Holy" #593

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession - (based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity, forgive us.

When we want to uproot those

whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, forgive us.

When we label others as good or bad

rather than accept them for who they are, forgive us.

When we are reluctant to acknowledge

that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, forgive us.

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, **forgive us.** 

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast,

and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Forgiveness

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## Word Proclaimed

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson - Matthew 13: 24-30

Hymn "God Of The Fertile Fields"

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Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

**Thanksgiving** 

Time of Generosity

Offertory "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arr. R. Walters

Emily Crisp, soloist

Sending

Hymn "God The Sculptor Of The Mountains" #5

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Anita Ilika, piano

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe