



Changing Soil: Which Soil Am I On?  
Becoming a Disciple Maker

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN  
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WELCOME OF GUEST  
Pastor  
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Based on Matthew 13:1-23)

*Liturgist: Come, let us worship God!*

**Congregation: Come, let us worship our Creator!**

*Liturgist: God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.*

**Congregation: We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.**

*Liturgist: God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.*

**Congregation: We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.**

*Liturgist: God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.*

**Congregation: May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn of Promise (v. 1-3)*

UMH #707

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

(Bread of Life inspired by John 6: 24-51)

I believe in God, the giver of grain and bread, and in Jesus Christ, the bread of life broken for us, and in the Holy Spirit, God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.

I believe that Christ is to be leaven in us, so that we may offer the bread of life to the hungers of every human heart...Amen

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9 (NKJV)

Liturgist

“1 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up, they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

**Our Father, help us to be like the good soil in our lesson about the parable of the sower today. Help us to listen to your Word and grow up to be the kind of boys and girls you want us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:18-23 (NKJV)

Liturgist

18 “Therefore, hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Rev. Kerry Foote

*Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Seek Ye First* (v. 1-2)

UMH #405

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kerry Foote

SERMON

Title: Changing Soil: Which Soil Am I On?

Theme: Becoming a Disciple Maker

Main Idea: As Jesus followers, we want to be on the fruitful and good soil.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

UMH #95

HOLY COMMUNION

See insert.

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (v. 1-6)

UMH #92

\*COMMISION & BENEDICTION

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*Beloved, remember you are dirt. May you go forth and receive the Gardener's tending so that we may all become good soil ready to receive, nurture, and grow the seed of the gospel wherever we go...and all of God's children said...Amen.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Love and Fellowship*

See screens.

POSTLUDE