

**Order of Worship: Sunday, September 11, 2022**  
**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome** Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

**Prelude** ”  
**Lighting of the Candles** Acolytes

**Call to Worship** Lynne Pennock and Congregation

God has gathered us to this place,  
**where we hear those stories which show us  
what the kingdom of God is like.**

God summons us to this place,  
**where we can learn how to serve our God  
without reservation, or hesitation.**

God will send us from this place,  
**to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,  
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

Thom Shuman:Lectionary Liturgies

**Opening Hymn** “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” UMH 540

**Affirmation of Faith** “Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39” UMH 887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,  
or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril, or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Gloria Patri** UMH 70

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer** Rev. Rokitowski

**Anthem** "This Is Who We Are" M. Burrows  
Combined Adult Choirs/Saint Paul's Dancers

**Children's Chat** Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven, Senior Pastor

**Remembering our Tithes and Offerings** Rev. Rokitowski  
**Doxology** UMH 94

**Scripture** Matthew 13:31-32 Lynne Pennock

**31** He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; **32** it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

**Sermon**

PLANT!

Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven

**Closing Hymn**

“You Are the Seed”

UMH 583, vs. 1

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
You’re the a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
a beacon to glow in the dark.

You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
you’re the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,  
my witnesses where’er you go.

Go, my friends, go to the word, proclaiming love to all,  
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.

Be, my friends, a loyal witness from the dead I arose:  
“Lo, I’ll be with you forever, till the end of the world.”

**Sending Forth**

Rev. Scriven

**Postlude**

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”