

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; He did not speak to them except in parables, but He explained everything in private to His disciples.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Antonia Hurst by Sara Hurst Jenoure.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. We thank you for being here with us today.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk (*) invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34
(11-13) 14-17

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Joséphine Pauline Boulay
“Andante in E”
Eric Birk, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, walk in the light of faith.

People: We will walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Come love in the light of faith.

People: We will love everything the light touches.

Leader: Come, live in the light of faith.

People: We will live as disciples of Christ. Let us worship God!

HYMN

Nettleton
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who creates all, when death comes, we yearn for Your grace and the healing You offer in the midst of Your grief. When tragedy strikes, we long for Your mercy and the blessed assurance You offer in the midst of our suffering. When trouble threatens, we look for Your shelter and the confidence You offer in the midst of our confusion and doubt. Renew our rust in Your resurrection, and revive our hope in new beginnings. Help us to focus on life, listen to Your voice, and follow where You lead. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Thomas D. Robinson

Mark 4:26-34

(See scripture on inner page of the bulletin.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga

“Shrubs and Cedars and the In-between”

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in that we love one another and that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another. We believe we have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause and share one hope.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

“Teach me, O Lord”

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statues, and I shall keep it unto the end.

—Psalm 119:33

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

HYMN

O Store Gud

“How Great Thou Art”

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

“Tuba Tune in D major, *op. 15*”

Eric Birk, *organist*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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How Great Thou Art

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yoo, 1999

O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Swedish folk melod

Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 194

1. Joo ha nah nim jee eu shia mo dun seh geh Nae ma um
2. Soop sok ee nah hum hahn sahn gol jjak eh suh Jee juh gee

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Cen - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the

so geh geu ree uh bol ttae Ha neul eh byul ool
nun juh sae so rec deul gwa Ko yo ha geh heu
all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from

lyuh paw jee nun nweh tung Joo nim eh kwon nung oo joo eh chan
reu nun see nae moo reun Joo nim eh som ssee no rae ha doh
hear the *roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis -
loft - y moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle

How Great Thou Art
Refrain

neh Joo nim eh nop go wee dae ha shim ul
dah
played: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee,
breaze:

Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh Joo nim eh nop go
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my