



Living Among the Weeds

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Welcome

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Call to Worship

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**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!**

Opening Hymn

Shout to the North

W&S 3042

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

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

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Children's Moment *Kimberly Gardner*

Sermon Living Among the Weeds *Rev. Christina Thompson*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer *Dewey Knowles*

Special Music Let There Be Peace on Earth *Phyllis Ross*
Marissa Jerome

Offering

Closing Hymn This is My Father's World *UMH 144*

Passing of the Peace

Notes:

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the

enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Song Texts:

Shout to the North

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious king
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our Awesome King of Love

Chorus

(Bridge)

We've been through fire.
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the power of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with you
You've burned the truth on our lips

Chorus

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By his grace again we'll fly.

Chorus

(Coda)

We will shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord of heaven and earth.

You are Lord of heaven and earth.

#3042 – Shout to the North

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This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees
Of skies and seas
His hands the wonders rod.

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise

The morning light the, lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fare
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

#144 – This is My Father’s World

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- Mary Kienzle for video contributions

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- “Christ the King”, stained glass - <https://www.atonementfriars.org/fr-bobs-homily-thirty-fourth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/christ-the-king/>
- “God is Love, stained glass - John Higgins Memorial window, the Porch, St Colman’s Church, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hampshire; Jude Tarrant, designer, www.artiststainedglass.co.uk
- Photo of Notre Dame burning – CBS
- “Mountain Spring”, stained glass mosaic - Kasia Polkowska, <http://www.kasiamosaics.com/2012/06/mountain-spring.html>

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