

“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature.”

1 Samuel 15:7

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

Psalms 20:5

We walk by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**

“With what can we compare the kingdom of God?” **Mark 4:30**

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 399 (2x)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Prayer

***+Hymn 372**
“O for a World”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Kyrie 579

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Alleluia 587 (2x)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

First Pew

Response 486, v. 4

*Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;
trust and love God more than all.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 4:30-32

Sermon

“Sweating the Small Stuff”

***Hymn 771**

“What Is the World Like”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Graduate Recognition

Prayer for Others

Father’s Day Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

***Sending 583**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

***Postlude**

I have a mustard seed,
and I’m not afraid to
use it! **Lisa Gardner**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lesson Translation

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Sunday, June 16 • Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17 Mark 4:26–34

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1

Tuesday, June 18

- 7:00 p.m. Women’s Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Wednesday, June 19 • Juneteenth

Church Offices Closed in Observance

Thursday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – upstairs area outside choir room

Sunday, June 23 • Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Corinthians 6:1–13 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 Mark 4:35–41 Mark 4:35–41

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1
12:15 p.m. Reception for New Member & Debbie Romano
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a “short song” from the Iona Community set to music from South Africa. The late 20th Century Opening hymn was written by a Medical Mission Sister and matched with a mid 19th Century German tune. The Kyrie is a traditional liturgical text set to a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text set to a late 20th Century Celtic tune. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a “song of encouragement” for a newly baptized child. The early 21st Century Sermon Hymn is framed by four parables, including The Mustard Seed. The Sending is a traditional liturgical text set to music by the Taizé Community.

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Ordinary Time
Twelfth Sunday

June 16, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Making It Last (A Mustard Seed Parable)

There are gardens everywhere we look and they are green and they are golden.
We must be careful to let them tangle and twist in the sunshine
unafraid to step into the unknown stories that wrap around each leaf and stem
and unafraid of hard times, always unfinished, always reaching to the sky.

We must be careful to let them tangle and twist in the sunshine
these mustard seeds. They will grow tall and joyous from strong soil
and unafraid of hard times. Always unfinished and always reaching to the sky,
they will blossom and grow in ways we are not even able to imagine.

These mustard seeds. They will grow tall and joyous. From strong soil,
they emerge with prayers on their leaves which we will eat and form stories;
they will blossom and grow in ways we are not even able to imagine
from months ago when we first pressed our hands into the earth.

They emerge. With prayers on their leaves (which we will eat and form stories)
these ancient plant dreams remind that we are also mustard seeds
from months ago when we first pressed our hands into the earth
and began a journey of growing. And now we understand:

these ancient plant dreams remind us that we are also mustard seeds
unafraid to step into the unknown stories, that wrap around each leaf and stem,
and begin a journey of growing. And now we understand
there are gardens everywhere we look and they are green. And they are golden.

Lee Francis IV

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