



*the open door ~ praise & worship service*  
*...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*

07.26.17 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song**

"I Will Follow"

**song**

"Lord I Need You"

## **prayers of the people**

**gospel reading**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 [MSG]

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable.

**Jesus:** The kingdom of heaven is like this: Once there was a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field.

<sup>25</sup> While the farmer's workers were sleeping, his enemy crept into the field and sowed weeds among all the wheat seeds. Then he snuck away again.

<sup>26</sup> Eventually the crops grew—wheat, but also weeds.

<sup>27</sup> So the farmer's workers said to him, "Sir, why didn't you sow good seeds in your field? Where did these weeds come from?"

<sup>28</sup> "My enemy must have done this," replied the farmer.

"Should we go pull up all the weeds?" asked his workers.

<sup>29</sup> "No," said the farmer. "*It's too risky.* As you pull up the weeds, you would probably pull up some wheat as well.

<sup>30</sup> We'll let them both grow until harvest time. I will tell the harvesters to collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned, and only then to harvest the wheat and bring it to my barn."

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus left the crowds and returned to His house. His disciples followed Him.

**Disciples:** Explain to us the story You told about the weeds.

**Jesus:** <sup>37</sup> The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world; the good seed represents the children of the Kingdom. The weeds—*who do you think the weeds are?* They are the children

of the evil one,

<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who threw the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the workers are God's heavenly messengers.

<sup>40</sup> *In the parable*, I told you the weeds would be pulled up and burned—well, that is how it will be at the end of this age.

<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send His messengers out into the world, and they will root out from His kingdom everything that is poisonous, ugly, and malicious, and everyone who does evil.

<sup>42</sup> They will throw all that wickedness into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

<sup>43</sup> And the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

*The Word of God to the People of God! **Thanks be to God!***

## **message on the steps**

***listening for God's message***                      "Let It Be"

## ***presentation of the offerings***

***song***    "Hosanna"

***song***    "Mighty to Save"

***song***    "This Is Amazing Grace"

## ***benediction & passing the peace***

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