

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 23, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude "To A Wild Rose" Edward MacDowell

*Call to Worship

God has called us here for a reason: Let us worship the Lord.

God is in his holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence.

We do not come before God like frightened children but as those who are confident that we are wonderfully made, graciously forgiven, and lavishly loved by our Father in Heaven.

Our High Priest is Jesus, tempted as we are yet without sin, who is able to sympathize with our human weaknesses.

Let us then boldly draw near to the throne of grace, that we may be welcomed with mercy, kindness, and love...

And obtain God's help in every moment of need.

Habakkuk 2:20 and Hebrews 4:14-16

*Song of Praise *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* 505

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 71

Community and Congregational Prayer – OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Genesis 28:10-19a

A Reading from the Apostles

Romans 8:12-25

*Responsorial *Nearer, My God, to Thee* Old Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Fur Elise" Ludwig Van Beethoven

Children's Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Message: "Leave the Weeds Alone"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song *Rescue the Perishing* Old Hymnal

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Con Spirito" Thomas Arne

*Please stand if able

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING & POTLUCK – The Council of Ministries has called for a Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck luncheon after the worship service next Sunday (July 30) in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The Church will provide the plates, napkins, and utensils.



THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.



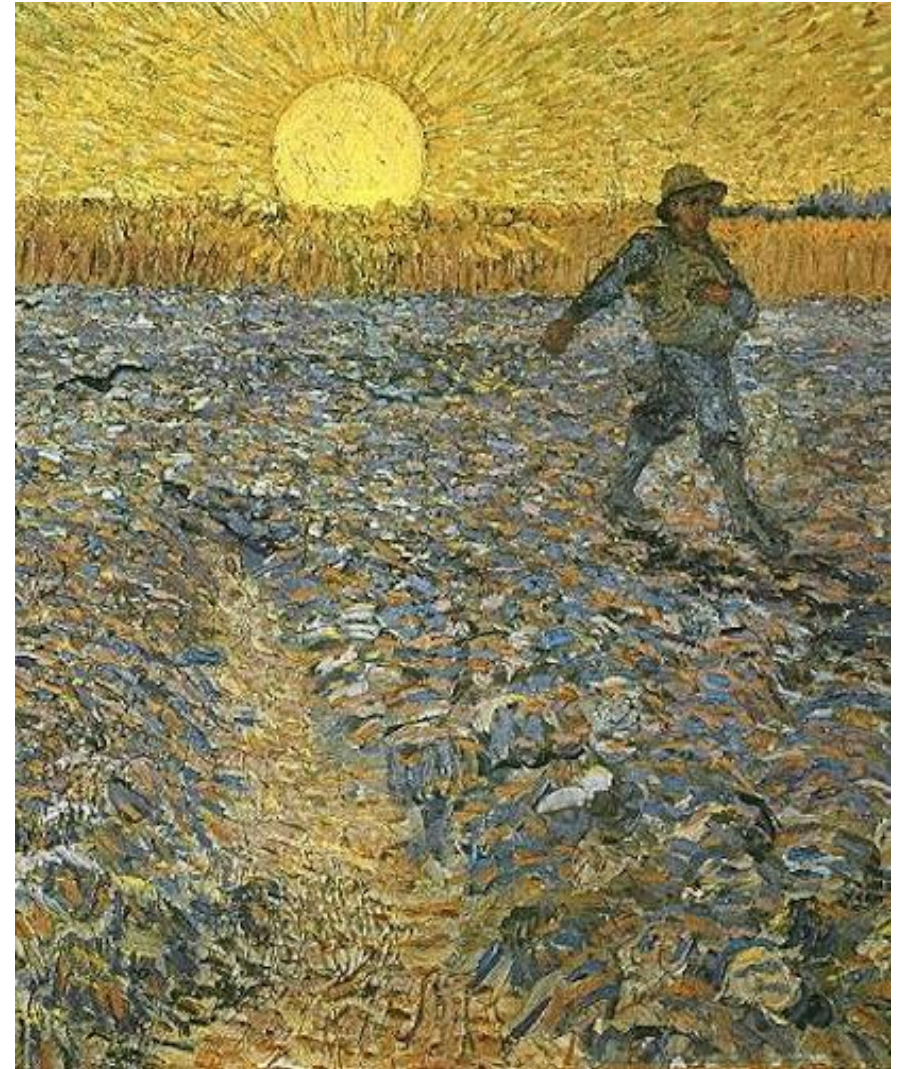
THE LORD'S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice "open communion." This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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The Parable of the Weeds



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