

Order of Worship - 10AM

July 30, 2023

Prelude: Counting Every Blessing - Redeemed

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

All: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

Pastor: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

All: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

Pastor: God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

All: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: Jesus Loves Me #191

***Greet one another with the Peace of Christ**

Joy & Concerns

Congregational Prayer: (unison)

Spirit of God, you intercede for us with sighs too deep for words. When all seems lost, you heal our hearts and give us strength to carry on. Set our hearts and minds on you, Great Spirit, that we may know your abiding presence and your never-failing love. Amen.

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Time and special music: VBS Kids

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Aidan Storms

Hymn of Preparation: It is Well with My Soul #377

Message: The Kingdom of Heaven Looks Like... - Pastor Elsie

Offering/Doxology: Mary Kate Barnes

Offering Prayer (Psalm 105, Matthew 13)

God, you bless us with gifts of love and moments of grace and mercy. For this earth and its bounty, we give you, our thanks. For our lives and for the opportunity to share them with those we love, we offer you, our praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news. Amen

Youth Mission Video

Closing Hymn: See the Light - Redeemed

Benediction

Go forth with joy, celebrating all the many ways for us to serve our Lord. Give us courage, hope, peace, and love so that we might bear these gifts to others. Go in peace. AMEN.

Postlude: Mary Kate Barnes