

July 19, 2026



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**Grow**

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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*Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**

*Partita on Tallis' Canon* (L.H. Bristol, Jr.)

Marcia Snavely, organ

**Announcements & Welcome**

Rev. Michael A. Howard

**Introit**

*I Thank You, God* (R. Nelson)

Donna Fagerhaug, soprano  
Marcia Snavely, piano

**\* Call to Worship**

Kristin LeFeber

**One:** The Word is growing.

**All:** **We will tend the field.**

**One:** Hope is growing.

**All:** **We will not lose heart.**

**One:** Love is growing.

**All:** **Let us worship the God of life.**

**\* Opening Hymn**

*My Life Flows On*

No. 619

**Prayer for Truth**

Kristin LeFeber

**One:** God of patient love, your field is full of promise.

**All:** **Yet we so often see only the weeds.**

**One:** Forgive us when criticism replaces compassion,

**All:** **Or fear keeps us from tending new life.**

**One:** Teach us to trust your timing and your mercy.

**All:** **Make us faithful gardeners of your kingdom.**

**(A Moment of Silence)**

**Words of Grace**

Kristin LeFeber

**One:** Hear the Good News: The Gardener has not given up on the field. God is still tending the wheat, still nurturing life, and still bringing forth a harvest of grace.

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* Passing of Christ's Peace

\* Praise Response                      *God of the Fertile Fields v.3*                      No. 695

Gospel Reading                      *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*                      Kristin LeFeber

Sermon                      Grow                      Rev. Howard

Hymn of Response                      *Inspired by Love and Anger* (John Bell)                      [Words on Screen]

Congregational Prayer                      Rev. Howard

Generosity Impact Moment                      Rev. Howard

Anthem                      *My All, to Heaven is Gone* (K. Lee Scott)                      Donna Fagerhaug, soprano  
Marcia Snavelly, piano

Doxology                      OLD HUNDREDTH

O praise the One who showers grace;  
Praise Christ, God's Word in time and place;  
Praise Holy Spirit, life anew;  
One God, whose love makes all things new. Amen.

\* Closing Hymn                      *We Are Called* (David Haas)                      [Words on Screen]

\* Commissioning and Benediction                      Rev. Howard

Postlude                      *Glory to God, We Give You Thanks* (J. Wayne Kerr)                      Marcia Snavelly, organ

**Depart in Peace**  
Now, go in love to serve.



## UPCOMING WORSHIP

### **Take Root • Grow • Bear Fruit • Sow**

- July 12 - **Take Root:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19 - **Grow:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26 - **Colorado Kids' Sunday**
- August 2 - **Bear Fruit:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
**(Communion Sunday)**
- August 9 - **Sow:** Matthew 14:13-21  
**(Worship @ Family Life Center)**