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**July 16, 2017**



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *We've a Story*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

\*PRAISE *Let's Worship  
My Savior My God  
Here I Am to Worship*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Offering*

SCRIPTURE *Luke 8:4-8  
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SERMON *"An Autobiography of Jesus"  
Roger Sperling, Guest Speaker*

OFFERING SONG *Agnus Dei*

CELEBRATION OF WESLEYAN LOVE FEAST

Song *El Shaddai*

\*FINAL BLESSING *I Just Want to Praise You*

\*CLOSING SONG *He is Jehovah*

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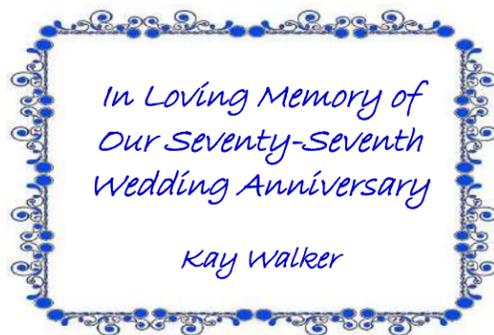
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CENTERING WORDS

"The best place to seek God is in a garden.  
You can dig for him there."

~ George Bernard Shaw,  
*The Adventures of the Black Girl in Her Search for God.*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Higher Ground* Charles Gabriel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Summer is really here.  
**The sun is shining above.**  
Seeds are being planted.  
**Gardens are being grown.**  
God is really here.  
**The Sun is shining with love for all.**  
Seeds are being planted.  
**Our hearts are being grown.**  
Life is really here.  
**We are ready to grow and expand.**  
Wake up to the Living God.  
**We hear the call to life and growth.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* No. 145

OPENING PRAYER *(seated)*

You are the Sower, O God; we are the seed.  
**In you, we live and have our being.**  
You are the Lover, O God; we are the beloved.  
**In you, we grow into creatures as beautiful as any flowers in the garden of your love.**  
You are the Healer, O God; we are the healed.  
**In you, we find all that we need.**  
In gratitude and trust, we pray.  
**Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

*Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Cecil Frances Alexander  
 B.G. Perriguy and Carolyn Eaton, *duet*

SCRIPTURE Luke 8:4-8  
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HYMN (*remain seated*) *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* No. 277

SERMON "*An Autobiography of Jesus*"  
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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *We Shall Behold Him* Dottie Rambo  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

\*BENEDICTION

Go to bear fruit in all that you say and do.  
**We are the seeds that will change the world.**  
 Plant your faith in fertile soil,  
 that it may be watered and nourished.  
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 Plant your love all around,  
 for love is the nourishment that changes lives.  
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POSTLUDE *Count Your Blessings* Edwin O. Excell



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