



Church for the Highlands
Sunday, July 10, 2011

Prelude

Betty Jane Kelley

Welcome/Call to Worship

Silent Recognition of God's Presence

Hymn No. 302 "Come Away from the Rush and Hurry"

Tune: "Hymn of Promise"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Chorus "The Trees of the Field"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message: "Getting Your Soil Checked"

Musical Reflection

Offertory Prayer

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

arr. Turner

Dan Gibbs, Piano

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th

Missional Moment

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Response No. 656 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Benediction

Postlude

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Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" . . . "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Vacation Bible School on Tuesdays, 9AM-12PM If you are interested in helping with crafts, Bible, recreation, music or snacks, please sign up on the City or with Betty Walker, 318-797-1265.

Common Prayer, Common Meal-- 6:00-7:00 PM Come for a home-cooked meal (free) and prayer. This Wednesday will involve Centering Prayer, with an introduction and a time of practice.

Youth Lunch Out--Today, Cheddars, right after church. We will be done by 1:30 PM.

Movies and Moonbeams--Friday, July 15, Columbia Park, 8:30 PM. Movie: Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore. Wear your Church for the Highlands shirt.

Missional Ministry Teams--if you are not yet on a team, contact John to learn more about them and which one best fits you and your schedule.

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with the love of Jesus
through Volunteers of America
and other community partnerships