



**CALVARY**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

# Gathering

*During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.*

Prelude “Be Thou My Vision” arr. by Brian C. Howell

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*Congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: As people formed by God’s Spirit, we praise the Lord, our God:

**People: Dry ground in the sea,  
rivers in the desert,  
Christ’s kingdom among us—  
God is doing a new thing!**

Leader: As people restored by God’s Spirit, we praise the Lord, our God:

**People: Dry ground in the sea,  
rivers in the desert,  
Christ’s kingdom among us—  
God is doing a new thing!**

Leader: As people pressing on in faith, we praise the Lord, our God:

**People: Dry ground in the sea,  
rivers in the desert,  
Christ’s kingdom among us—  
God is doing a new thing!**

\*Opening Hymn #396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Poem “Planting Seeds” by Caroline Mellor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving and merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world but put our comfort and security above actively working to solve them. We point to others as “the problem,” while being blind to the weeds**

**growing in our own hearts. We fail to sow good seed for your kingdom. Forgive us, Lord. Heal us and free us from our foolishness, that we may fully enter the joy of your salvation.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, remember that God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn us, but that we—and all creation—may be redeemed through him.

**People: For the everlasting love and mercy of God, we give thanks! Hallelujah! Amen.**

\*Musical Response *Response*

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Commissioning of Beth Hewlett

## **The Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Kingdom Farming: Growing Grass or Pulling Weeds?”

\*Hymn #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Time for Response to Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayers**

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

# Sending

\*Closing Hymn #2241 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” (STF)

\*Benediction

Postlude “Holy Manna /O Worship the King” arr. by Lloyd Larson

*Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.*

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

**Rev. Michelle Fincher**, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;  
**Katherine Huff**, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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