

Elon Community Church United Church of Christ  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 26, 2020

† Please Stand as You Are Able

Prelude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Chip Davis (b. 1947)

† Call to Worship

Leader: The kin(g)dom of heaven is like:

**All: A tiny mustard seed that carries the life of a tree**

Leader: The kin(g)dom of heaven is like:

**All: A tiny portion of yeast that makes bread rise**

Leader: The kin(g)dom of heaven is like:

**All: A tiny pearl of great price that we would give all our “stuff” to have**

Leader: The kin(g)dom of heaven is like:

**All: A fishing boat filled with catch good and bad together**

† Hymn

**You Are the Salt of the Earth, O People**

*You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!*

*Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!*

**Refrain: Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring for the City of God.**

*You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!*

*Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God! (R)*

*We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!*

*Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God! (R)*

† Prayer of Invocation

**Holy One, you call us to be your kin(g)dom already in our world— in tiny, transforming possibilities; in beauty that calls us to surrender all; in complicated choices that call for wisdom. Reveal yourself here in this moment and heighten our senses that we may find you and join you in building this kin(g)dom of love, hope, and peace. In the name of the One who calls us to seek, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

**Romans 8: 26-39**

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.

**All: And we are listening!**

Children's Message

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

**The Kin(g)dom in A World of Loss**

**Randy Orwig**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

### Call to The Offering

#### Offertory

Greensleeves (16th Century English)

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*(This is a time of meditation and plates will not be passed. There will be plates at each door for your offering.)*

#### † Doxology with Alleluias

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below!*

*Sing your praises, Alleluia!*

*Praise God above you heavenly host;*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

#### † Offertory Prayer

#### † Closing Hymn

#### Joy to The World

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

#### † Benediction

#### Postlude

*In lieu of Altar Flowers, a donation has been made to the Building Fund,  
given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. J. Earl Danieley, by his family.*