

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Pianist

Candle Lighting

Greeting: Marilyn Myers

\*Call to Worship: Marilyn Myers

LEADER: Weeds and seeds, growing together.

**PEOPLE: Each will influence the other.**

LEADER: What will we learn from the weeds?

**PEOPLE: Trials and tribulations, choices that have not always worked out. Weeds can teach us about perseverance — consider the tough dandelion plant pushing its way up through the pavement — for some it's just a weed, but for others there are lessons to be learned.**

LEADER: What will be gained from seeds?

**PEOPLE: Inside each one of us is a special person, waiting to be nurtured to wholeness. Each seed is unique; each has its own gifts to offer.**

LEADER: In God's garden, God's love extends to both — asking both to consider what each has to offer to a hurting world.

**PEOPLE: Lord, help us to be good seeds, bearing fruits of kindness, justice and compassion. Keep us mindful of those for whom life has been difficult and yet they persist in trying to make each day better. Be in our hearts, O Lord, and in our lives. AMEN.**

\*Opening Prayer: Marilyn Myers

Children's Moments:

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Marilyn Myers

Special Music: Lorayne Fischer

\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Pastor Annette

Message: "God at Work Behind the Scenes"

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Let Us Pray:

Pastor: A farmer in a field sowed good and healthy seeds.

**People: But in the cover of the night, somebody planted weeds.**

Pastor: The wheat grew tall and strong, but thistles flourished, too.

**People: The workers saw the mix of them and wondered what to do.**

Pastor: The farmer wisely said, "They'll grow as one today, but when we harvest all the wheat, we'll throw the weeds away."

**All: O Lord, we want to know why evil prospers here —why, next to love and justice, grow such hatred, pride and fear.**

Pastor: God, may we humbly see the harvest still is yours; and one day we'll be blessed to find that love is what endures.

**All: Amen.**

Offertory Prayer Marilyn Myers

(There will be a plate outside sanctuary for your offerings.)

Thank you for your generous support of our church and ministries.

Noisy Collection — There is a bucket beside the Offering plate.

Joys and Glory Sightings Pastor Annette

Prayer Requests

Unspoken Prayer

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

*\*Stand as you are able*

**Zoom message is on the website each week at:**

<http://www.thewaytoalvary.com/sunday-recordings.html>.

**ZOOM** is on each Sunday live at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### ANNIVERSARIES

July 24 – Chris & Karen Zumbrunnen  
July 25 – Nick & Whitney Healy

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**UM WOMEN MEETING** – July 28 at the church

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – Tuesday, August 4.

**SALAD LUNCHEON** – August 21 – 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Prepackaged – No Buffett - \$8.00

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – September 19 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Take outs only, sponsored by the UM Men

**UM WOMEN YARD SALE** – Saturday, October 3, 8-Noon.



### PRAYER CONCERNS

**In Care Centers:** Stella Decot                      Lila June Bungard    Margie Holt

Hilda Runyan

#### Home Bound:

Carlene Cunningham    James Cunningham    Elizabeth Boso      Jim Bickerton

Elizabeth Jaworski      Susan Marl

#### Others Needing Prayer:

Don Crow                      Sherwood Dobbs      Jessie Wright          Linda Kotson

The Rulongs                Lea Ann Terrell      Mary Ellen Sutton    Kathy Wilson

Dave Bruny                 Eli Tickner            Nora Hill                Vicki Calissie

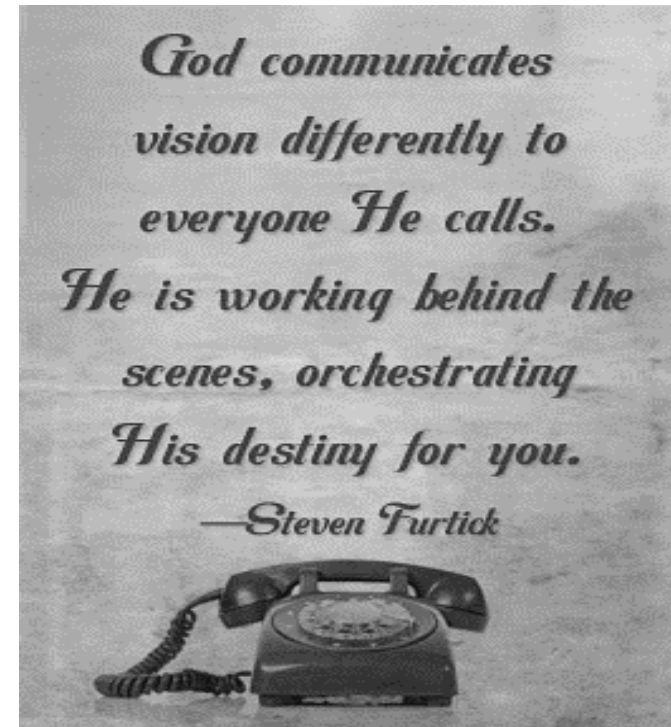
**PHONE TREE** – The Prayer Chain is available from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. From **9 – Noon**, Monday through Friday call 304-845-2732 and give message to Carol. After Noon and on Weekends call:

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