

# **COS Sunday Devotional Streaming**

July 12, 2020

## **Welcome**

We continue our in-person-online hybrid worship this Sunday with the first of three Sundays each looking at one or more parables of Jesus. All of these parables have been called “parables of the kingdom.” Today we talk about the parable of the sower.

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Confession of Sins**

Heavenly Father, I confess that I have often taken in your blessings -- not just rain and sunshine, but good government, of a stable community, and countless other blessings -- and have used them for my own selfish purposes. I have not been good soil. I have not allowed the seed of Your word to grow and produce fruit in thoughts and actions. I have been hard of heart at times. I have been shallow in my dedication and cold to your word. I have allowed the weeds of worldly pleasures and cares to choke Your Word. Forgive me my sins and selfish attitudes, and by Your Holy Spirit renew the soil of my soul and life to make it receptive to you. In Jesus' name.

## **Absolution**

### **Music**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy Name to sing:  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
His sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the Lord,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

### **Epistle Reading**

**Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears

witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.” ...

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

### **Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Ed**

### **Offering Music**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own, Koine*

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!

Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,

And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.

To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below.

The captives to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

## **Prayers of the Congregation**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Music**

*Pure and Holy Passion, Crosswalk Band*

Give me one pure and holy passion.  
Give me one magnificent obsession.  
Jesus, give me one glorious ambition for my life:  
To know and follow hard after You. (Repeat)

To know and follow hard after You,  
To grow as Your disciple in the Truth,  
This world is empty, pale, and poor  
Compared to knowing You my Lord.  
Lead me on, and I will run after You.  
Lead me on, and I will run after You.

**Prayer and Benediction**

**Virtual Sharing of the Peace**

**Final Music**

*It is Well With My Soul, Chris Rice*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

***Refrain:***

It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

***Refrain.***

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

***Refrain.***

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

***Refrain.***

**Chat Time**