

Order of Worship

January 8, 2017

11:00 a.m. Generations Service

Sermon Notes

To hear God, I need to:

- 1) _____
“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.”—vs. 5
- 2) _____
“Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture.”—vs. 6
- 3) _____
“Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it.”—vs. 7
- 4) _____
“And some seed fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”—vs. 8

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

*Opening Chorus

Curt Timmons

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (vs. 1) **UMH 126**

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

*We Proclaim Our Mission

Max Kelton

Leader: Who are we?

**All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others
to join the journey.**

*Opening Unison Prayer

**Lord, all of us are open books before your wise and loving eyes.
You will speak to us in this hour your message of life and hope.
Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand what you say to us
today. In Jesus name we ask Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies **UMH 173**

(Congregation seated)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:4-8

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

