



Wednesday Evening Chapel Worship July 8, 2026 – 7 pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

A sower went out to sow.

**Not carefully, not selectively; but lavishly, seed flying in every direction,
landing on rock and road and good soil alike.**

That is the kind of God we worship. Extravagant. Persistent. Undiscouraged.

Come, patient and persistent God.

Plant the seeds of your gospel in our hearts.

Plow what is hard. Tend what is tender.

**Come, let us open ourselves to the Word that bears fruit – thirty, sixty,
a hundredfold.**

CENTERING SONG

“Word of God Speak”

I’m finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it’s okay.

The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

(CHORUS): Word of God, speak. Would you pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see your majesty,
to be still and know that You’re in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God, speak.

I’m finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise.

All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet, I hear Your voice.

CHORUS (2x)

PRAYER

Holy One, we confess that we come polished and presentable, as if we could simply observe. Forgive our tepid expectations. Forgive the hardness over our hearts: the worries, the distractions, the love of other things that choke what you are trying to grow. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love. We long to bear fruit for a world that is wasting and needs what only you can give. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now. In the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

MESSAGE

“Farming with Jesus!”

SONG

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice, O, heed the faithful words of Christ.;
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart; O, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SONG OF GOING FORTH

“Build My Life”

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.
Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You, oh, we live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You. Open up my eyes in wonder.
And show me who You are, and fill me with Your heart,
and lead me in Your love to those around me. *(repeat to beginning)*

I will build my life upon Your love. It is a firm foundation.
And I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

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CHARGE & BLESSING

Go now, and sow.

Not judging the soil on which you stand. Not waiting for better conditions.

The sower did not wait. The seed went out lavishly,
and God brought forth fruit from unexpected places.

So go with the ancient words, the living Word,

the gospel you have received, and scatter it freely.
In the hard places. In the distracted places.
In the places that look like nothing could grow.
And may the patient, persistent God who planted his Word in you
bring it to harvest – thirty, sixty, a hundredfold.

CLOSING & THE PEACE

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Leaders in tonight's worship: Brad & Lisa DeHaven

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Prayers for use at home this week:

Morning – Lord of the harvest, this is a new morning. Before the worries crowd in, before the distractions take root, I open my heart to your Word. Speak to me today. Let what you plant in me grow through the hours, bearing love, bearing fruit I may not even see. Make me good soil. In the name of Jesus, the sower. Amen.

Evening – Patient God, the day is done. Some of it felt like good soil: moments when your Word took hold, when love broke through. Some of it felt like rocky ground. The worries won for a while. Forgive what was shallow. Tend what is still growing. Let me rest tonight knowing that the seed still in the ground is still in your hands. Bring forth fruit, Lord. Even from me. Amen.



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