



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The Wheat and the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30

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United Church of Christ Congregational
Spearfish, South Dakota

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July 19, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME to our service today. We hope you find this time of worship meaningful and uplifting and will join us again soon. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

***All who are able may stand.**

Please wear your nametags & turn off your cell phones.

Prelude

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

***Choral Call
to Worship**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 139: 7-12)**

Liturgist: Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

Congregation: There is nowhere we can go where God is not already with us.

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Liturgist: If we rise with the morning sun or journey to the farthest horizon, God's hand will guide us, and God's love will hold us fast.

Congregation: If we find ourselves in seasons of uncertainty, sorrow, or fear, even there, God is present, offering strength, hope, and peace.

Liturgist: Though darkness may surround us or the path ahead seems hidden, the darkness is not dark to God; the night shines like the day.

Congregation: We gather today not because we have found our own way, but because God has sought us, found us, and brought us here.

Liturgist: Let us worship the One whose presence never leaves us, the God of light, love, and abiding grace.

Congregation: Let us worship together!

***Hymn**

God Is Truly with Us

No. 68

Invocation

Scripture

Liturgist: Genesis 28: 10-19a

Glory to the Creator

**The Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Welcome and Opportunities

Call to Prayer

FWS No. 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Pastoral Prayer, Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

***A Doxology**

Praise God

No. 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for knowing us completely and loving us without condition. Every good gift we possess comes from Your generous hand, and today we return a portion of those blessings with grateful hearts. Receive these offerings and receive our lives. Use them to extend Your love, proclaim Your hope, and serve Your people wherever there is need. May all that we have and all that we are bear witness to the grace we have first received in Jesus Christ. With gratitude and joy, we dedicate these gifts to Your service. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Take My Gifts

No. 562

Scripture Matthew 13: 24-30

Sermon

“The Wheat and the Weeds”

Todd Jones

***Closing Hymn**

Nearer, My God, to You

No. 606

*Benediction

Choral Benediction *Benediction* C. Barrows

**May God's blessings surround you today,
as you trust Him and walk in His way;
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.**

*Postlude

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

PRAYER LIST: World, National, and Local leaders. Paula Cottrill; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); Grayson Chapeau; Pat Patterson (cancer); Rhian Elmid (sponsored child); Elsie Hanson; Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3rd round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; Lorrie Loobey (Jo Hansen's sister) and Martina Loobey (Jo Hansen's niece) for health concerns; Marna Bergstrom for recovery; John Daum; Hilda Locke; Joyce Collins; Carolyn Greenfield; Karen and Bob Collins; June Klinkel; Leo Orme; Hannah Andres (prayers for successful hip and shoulder surgeries); Jim Hood (oral cancer).

Please let Shirley B. know if you have any updates or additions.

SUMMER SUPPER SERIES: The Summer Supper Series will continue this **Wednesday, July 22**, with the fourth of five suppers and presentations! Please plan to join us for food, fun, and fellowship – everyone is welcome! We'll meet in the **Fireside Room at 5:30** for a supper which will be provided, followed by a short presentation titled "Exercise on the Beatitudes and Gifts of the Spirit" with Connie Zimbleman.

~~ July 2026 CALENDAR ~~

Sun	July 19	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship
Tue	July 21	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Devotions at Edgewood
Wed	July 22	5:30 pm	Summer Supper Series
Sun	July 26	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Scholarship deadline
Tue	July 28	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Devotions at Edgewood
Wed	July 29	5:30 pm	Summer Supper Series

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