

The
kingdom of
heaven is
like a
mustard
seed . . .

Matthew 13:31



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

The Kingdom in the Dirt

Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52



Spearfish United Church of Christ Congregational
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 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 119: 129-133)**

Liturgist: Your decrees are wonderful, O God;

**Congregation: Therefore, we seek to follow them with
our whole hearts.**

Liturgist: The unfolding of Your Word gives light.

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Congregation: It brings understanding, hope, and wisdom to all who seek You.

Liturgist: We come before You with open hearts, longing for Your presence.

Congregation: Satisfy us with Your mercy and teach us to walk in Your ways.

Liturgist: Turn toward us with grace, as You have promised those who love You.

Congregation: Establish our steps according to Your Word, and keep us from the power of sin.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship God whose truth is everlasting.

Congregation: With grateful hearts we will praise the Lord, delighting in His Word and walking in His light.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn**

Together We Serve

No. 2175

Invocation

Scripture Romans 8: 26-39

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

**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.**

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor: Gracious and loving God, with grateful hearts, we dedicate these gifts to You. We thank You for the unshakable love You have revealed to us in Jesus Christ—a love from which nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us. In that assurance, we offer not only these gifts, but our lives, trusting that all we have comes from Your gracious hand.

ALL: Bless these offerings, that they may become signs of Your presence and instruments of Your peace. Use them to proclaim the good news of Christ, to strengthen those who are weary, to bring hope to those who despair, and to remind all who encounter us that Your love is steadfast and Your mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Draw us ever nearer to You, O God, and as we abide in Your love, send us into the world to embody that same love through lives of generosity, compassion, and joyful service. May all that we give and all that we do bear witness to the grace of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* No. 2171

Scripture Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52

Sermon *“The Kingdom In the Dirt”* Todd Jones

***Closing Hymn** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*
verses 1-3 No. 485

*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; Jim Hood (oral cancer); Family of Roberta Wolf (Summer Digioia's mother); Family and congregation of Pastor Chuck Aurand.)

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

SUMMER SUPPER SERIES: The Summer Supper Series will conclude this **Wednesday, July 29**, with the fifth of five suppers and presentations! Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship – everyone is welcome! We’ll meet in the **Fellowship Hall at 5:30** for a supper, which will be provided, followed by a short presentation with Karen Turgeon.

~~ July 2026 CALENDAR ~~

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

~~ August 2026 CALENDAR ~~

Sun	Aug 2	9:30 am	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship
Tues	Aug 4	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Devotions at Edgewood
Wed	Aug 5	10:45 am	Chapel at Edgewood
Sun	Aug 9	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Deacons' Meeting
Tues	Aug 11	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Devotions at Edgewood
Sun	Aug 16	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship
Tues	Aug 18	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Devotions at Edgewood

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Sun	Aug 23	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting
Tues	Aug 25	9:30 am	Coffee Time/Devotions at Edgewood
Sun	Aug 30	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mary Ann Eddy
who turned 90 years old yesterday,
July 25!



"Equip a Mind, Empower the Future"

The summer sun is shining bright,
But soon school bell chimes will ignite!
The UCC Missions Committee extends a call,
To ensure proper tools are provided for all.

Our **School Supply Drive** is the perfect way,
To help K-5 students succeed every day.
They need 3-ring binders (the 1-inch size),
And plain pocket folders where paperwork lies.

We seek out bright markers and sticks of tack glue,
To equip every child to attempt something new.
To learn and to grow, to reach and to thrive,
Let's make sure these students feel ready to dive.

A full list of supplies is waiting for you,
At the back of the church behind the very last pew.
Pick up a checklist to take when you shop,
Then bring back your bags for a meaningful drop.

Come fill up the bins with the gifts that you share,
Experience the joy of this welcoming care.
Drop off donations, let's answer the need,
On August 2nd, the 9th, or on the 16th.

** The School Supply Drive list of recommended items is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick up one. - Missions Committee*

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