



# *McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

*Ask the Sower to cast you onto good, fertile soil, that you may bear the fruit of faith and love.*

*Special Music*

*Gloria Warren*

*Call to worship*

God is the gardener and we are the seed. The hand of God saves us from the rocky pathways and the thorny ground. In God, we find good soil, who nourishes us as we grow. Come! Let us worship God, who plants us in the fields of life.

*Opening Hymn*

*"Wonderful Words of Life"*

*Prayer of confession*

Blessed redeemer, we desire to resist the allures of status and prestige, for we are often our worst own enemies. Yet we do not seek your guidance. We long to bloom where we are planted, that righteousness and peace might flower in our lives. Free us of the fear of appearing foolish before others, as we seek new growth in your Spirit. Nurture us with your grace and mercy, that we might blossom and bloom as followers of Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of pardon*

Those who abide in the Spirit are set free. Those who reside in Christ find no condemnation. Rejoice that we have been planted in the fertile ground of God's love and mercy.

*Gloria Patri*

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

*Scripture reading*

Matthew 13:1-9

*Sermon*

*Rev. Anthony Gilbert*  
*"Soul Gardening"*

*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 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.



***Affirmation of faith (The Apostles' Creed -Traditional)***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Closing Hymn***

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

***Charge and benediction***

Go forth, as people renewed by the love of God. Go forth, to renew others with this very love.

***Doxology***

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



**Special Music:** Piano recording of Gloria Warren

**Opening Hymn:** “Wonderful Words of Life”

Words & Music: Philip P. Bliss

**Closing Hymn #379** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Words: Edward Mote, c. 1834

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

**Liturgy written and provided for free distribution:**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy Birthday

*Anthony Gilbert, July 12<sup>th</sup>* – I will be delivering a key lime pie at the end of the service to him at home and we will have a recording so that everyone can sing Happy Birthday!

*Rodrigo Gaviola, July 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Lois Vogler, July 20<sup>th</sup>*

\***Armored Youth** will be meeting for the summer on July 18, 2020 at the home of Mike and Wendi Baker for an outside BBQ, games and water slide provided by Backyard Adventures (Bill Mooneyham, Owner). Bring bathing suit, towel, change of clothes and suntan lotion. TIME: 10am-2pm. Food and drinks provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Hallberg by July 6<sup>th</sup> and please note that all families will need to social distance while attending and all activities will be outside.

\***Congratulations to Tony and Bri Acfalle** on the birth of their baby girl Evangeline Louise Acfalle (8lbs 8oz – 21 inches long) born on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Tony was an active youth in the church and remains to hold his membership with the church. Evangeline is the great granddaughter of Priscilla Seger and niece to Rod and Laynette Gaviola and Gene and Kham Seger.

\***Friends and Family of McLeod.** It is with great sadness and a heavy heart to inform you that one of our beloved church members, Betty Faye Stidham passed away on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family in prayer, Jon and Joanne Stidham, Jon’s brother Jeff and three grandchildren. Joanne contacted Anthony last night and Jon is still in Colorado so no funeral arrangements will be finalized until the family will all be able to convene together.

